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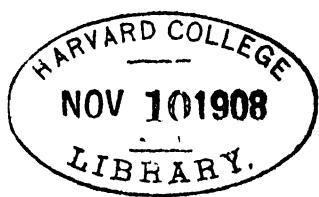
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At A Generall Assembly mett at the House of m^r francis ffdling
at Charles Towne on the 30th Day of January 1695/6/
William Earle of Craven Pallatine & y^e Rest of the true and absolute
Lords & ™pr^s: of y^e ™vince of Carolina/
To Robert Gibbes Esq^r: Hig^h Sheriff of Berkley County Greete-
ings—

Whereas by our Proclamacon on the 29th: day of Novemb^r: Instant made and Published for Reasons therein Expressed we have thought fitt to Dissolve ye late Generall Assembly And notwthStanding yt all our Designes and Endeavours to Settle this Provincie in peace and Tranquility, have by the obstinate major^{ty}— of the House of Comons, been ffrustrated—and willing as ffar as in us Lyes, to Gratifye and Comply wth the Requests of Some, butt the More Modest and Reasonable of the membr^{rs}—of ye house of Commons and other well meaning Inhabittants of this Provincie by their Address for yt End to us Signified, wee Therefore (hereby Dispensing, wth our power to us in that respect Granted by our Charter and former presidents), Comand you to Sumons all the Kings Leidge Subjects ye ffreemen Inhabittants of Berkley & Craven Countys to be and Appeare. Together wth all the Rest of the freemen as aforesaid of this part of our province at Charles Towne on ye 19th day of December next Then And there by a Majority of their voyces to Agree to And Ascertaine ye number of their Representatives for this part of this Provincie To Consult and advise wth: us about makeing such Laws as Shall be necessary for the Safety and defence of this Provincie when & as ofttent as we shall see occasion To Call them thereto, Wittness John Archdale Esqr: our Govrn^r= Admirall and Capt^r Generall of our said Provincie and the Rest of our Deputyes at Charles Towne this 30th: day of November 1695/ | John Archdale

William Hawett Jos Blake
Thom Cary Paull Grimball
 Stephen Bull
 James Moore

Robert Gibbes Esq^r High Sheriff of Berkley County made Returne
of the writt for members of Assembly for Berkly and Craven Coun-
tys: (vizt)

Carolina Ss/ William Earle of Craven Pall & y^e Rest of the true & absolute Lords and proprietors of this province/
To the High Sheriffe of Berkly County/

Wee Command you to Sumon all and Every his majties—Leidge Subjects freeman of Berkley & Craven Countyes to be and appeare at Charles Towne in y^e said County on the sixteenth day of January next Then and there to Elect Twenty members of Assembly in Such maner and method as is usuall and Accustomary which Election together wth this precept yo^u are to make Returne of to us in Charles Towne on the Thirtyeth Day of January next And the s^d members Soe Elected yo^u are to Sumon to meete at Charles Towne the s^d Thirtyeth day of January next Hereof yo^u are not to fayle att yo^r perrill And for yo^r Soe Doeing this to be yo^r warrant Wittness our hands and Seales, this Twentyeth Day of December 1695/

John Archdale
Joseph Blake
John Berisford
Ste : Bull
Tho Cary

The Returne of the High Sheriffe of Bekly County, Of members of assembly for Berkley and Craven Countyes, are as followeth vitz)
By Virtue of a precept here anexed to me directed I have Caused Twenty Members of assembly to be Elected for Berkley and Craven Countys/

(Vitz)

Mr : Jonathan Amory	Mr : John Ladson
Mr : Ralph Izard	Mr : Joseph Elicott
William : Smith Esqr :	Mr : Robert Stevens
Cap ^t Edmond Bellinger	Cap ^t Thomas Broughton
Mr : John Alexander	Cap ^t John Clifford
Cap ^t Thomas Smith	Mr : Gibrill Glaze
Mr : James Witter	Mr : W ^m : Canty
Cap ^t Georg Dearsley	Cap ^t James Young
Mr : Henry LeNoble	Mr : Richard Baker
Cap ^t : Job Howes	Mr : William White

And I have Summoned the foresaid Members to meete at the Day and place wthin Expressed In Testimony of which I put my hand and Seale this 16th: day of January 1695/6

Rob^t Gibbes Sheriffe

The High Sheriffe of Colleton County made Returne of the writt for members of Assembly ffor Colleton County (vitz)
Carolina Ss William Earle of Craven Pallatine & the Rest of the true and absolute Lords and ~~Wthpr^s~~ of this Province/
To The High Sheriffe of Colleton County/

Wee Comand yo^u to Sumon all & Every his majesties Leidge sub-
jects freemen of the sd County to be and appeare at Cap^t Bristowes
Plantacon in the said County on the 16th Day of January next then
and there to Elect Tenn Members of Assembly in Such maner and
method as is usuall and accustomary Which Election to Gether wth :
this precept you are to make Returne of to us in Charles Towne on
the 30th: day of January next and the said Members Soe Elected
you are to Summon to Meete at the Generall Assembly to be holden
at the house of ffrancis ffidling in Charles Towne y^e s^d 30th: Day
of January next Hereof you are not to fayle and for yo^r Soe Doeing
this to be yo^r: warr^t: Wittness our hands and Seales/ this Twen-
tyeth Day of Décemb^r 1695/

John Berisford } Ste : Bull John Archdale
 } Tho: Cary Joseph Blake—

The Returne of the High Sheriffe of Colleton County of memb^{rs}—
of assembly for the said County/ Vizt/

Cont Colleton/ By Virtue of a Writt Unto me Directed beareing
Date the 20th Day of December Und^r the hand of the hon^{ble}— John
Archdale Esq^r Governo^r: and the Lords ^{Wth p^{rs}}: Deputyes And In
Obediance thereunto I have Sumoned all and Every his Maj^{ties}—
Leidge Subjects to be and appeare at Cap^t Bristow's Plantacon and
there Did Elect Tenn Members of Assembly as ffolloweth/

Mr: James : Stanyarne	Doct ^r : James Williams
Capt: Will Davis	Capt: Will— Brockhurst
Mr: John Morton	Mr: John Hamilton
Mr: James Gilbertson	Capt: Georg Raynor
Mr: Dan : Courtise	Mr: John Stanyarne

These ^{Wth}Sons above Named were Ellected members of Assembly at
the place and Day ordered by the Majority of Voates and Sum-
moned accordingly Wittness my hand and Seale this Thirtyeth Day
of January 1695/6

Robert Seabrooke (!!)

The Members of assembly that appeared are as followeth

Mr: Jonathan Amory	Mr: Robert Stevens Sen ^r —
Capt: Edmond Bellinger	Doct ^r : James— Williams
Capt: Job : Howes	Mr: James Gilbertson
Mr: Ralph Izard	Capt: Will Brockhurst

W^m: Smith Esq^r:
 M^r: John Alexander
 M^r: John Ladson
 Cap^t: James Young
 M^r: William Cantz
 M^r: Richard Baker
 M^r: Joseph Ellicott

M^r: Henry LeNoble
 Cap^t William Davis
 Cap^t Georg Raynor
 M^r: John Morton
 Cap^t John Clifford/

The Question is putt whether m^r: Jonathan Amory shall be Speaker of the House of Commons—

Caryed by majority of Voats that m^r: Jonathan Amory be Speaker of this House/

Who Accordingly tooke the Chaire/

The Question is putt whether the house shall Enter upon the Rules and Ord^{rs}— of the house to night/

Caryed in the Affirmative/

Ordrd— y^t Cap^t Edmond Bellinger Cap^t Job: Howes m^r Ralph Izard Doct^r: James Williams and m^r: John Ladson be a Committe to make Ord^{rs}— and Rules for this house and present the Same to this house To morrow morning at Eight of the Clock for their Approbacion

Ordrd that the aforesaid Comitte Draw up an address to the Hon^{ble} the Governo^r: and Lords ~~Opp^{rs}~~: Deputyes, wth the Hon^{ble} the Governo^r: and Lords ~~Opp^{rs}~~: Deputyes. wth the humble Thankes of this house for their honor^s— Speech and that they take Notice of the heads thereof And Assure them that we Shall be Ready to Joyne wth them in Makeing all Such Laws as Shall be for the Honor and Interest of the Lords ~~Opp^{rs}~~— And for the Good and well fare of this ~~Opp^{rs}~~vince/

Ordrd— that W^m: Smith Esq^r m^r: Rob^t Stevens m^r James Gilbertson m^r: John Morton, and Cap^t William Davis Be a Committe to Draw An humble address to y^e Hon^{ble} the Governo^r: and Lords ~~Opp^{rs}~~— Deputyes for the Remittion of the arrears of Rent And present the Same to the House Tomorrow at Two of the Clock in the afternoon/

M^r. Speaker by Consent of the memb^{rs}— adjournd. till 8 of the Clock in the morning/

In the Morning the 31st: January 1695/6

The House mett according to adjournmt/
 Present, Mr: Speaker } Mr: Hen LeNoble
 Capt John Clifford } Mr: Dan Courtise
 Mr: John Alexand'r— } Mr: Will White
 Doctr: Ja Williams } Mr: Will= Canty
 m^r: Richard Baker } Capt Job: Howes
 Capt: Georg Raynor } Mr: Ralph Izard
 Capt Will Brockhust } Capt Edm^d: Bellinger
 M^r: John Ladson } m^r: John Morton
 Capt Jam: Young } Capt: Georg Dearsley
 Mr: Joseph Ellicott }

The Committe for makeing Rules and ord^{rs}: for the house & for Drawing of y^e address of the thankes of this house to the Hon^{ble} the Governo^r and Lords ^{Opp}rs: Deputyes brought the Same into this house, and the address of humble thankes being Read/

Ordrd: that the Clerke Ingrose the same/

ordrd: that m^r Speaker Signe the same/

Ordrd that m^r Speaker and this house wayte upon y^e uper house wth the address of the humble thankes of this house which ffolloweth in these words (Vitz)

To the Rt^t Hon^{ble} John Archdale Esqr Cheife Governo^r of the ^{Opp}vince of Carolina and to the hon^{ble} the Lords ^{Opp}rs— Deputyes/ The Humble address of Thanks of y^e house of Commons

May it please yo^r Hon^{rs}:/

Wee Returne to yo^r hon^{rs}: our most sincere and hearty thanks not only for the ^{Opp}ress yo^r honor hath already made towards the Settlem^t of this place but also for yo^r hon^{rs}: Speech wherein yo^r: Honor not only Intimated yo^r willingness but yo^r power to putt an End to all those Greiveances that have Soe much hindr'd the settlem^t of this Soe hopefull a Collony which willingness of yo^r— Honor: soe freely Declared we noe ways Doubt and therefore humbly Request yo^r honor: for our better Guide and Information, (in the way of our Endeavors to pay our utmost assistance to yo^r honor in the present Settlem^t of, the Same) That yo^r honor will be pleased to vouchsafe to Comunicate to us yo^r hon^{rs} power and the Extent thereof And wee hope yo^r honor shall have no Reason to Repent of the Same ffor we doe faithfully assure yo^r Honors that as we would not Neglect any Grace or ffavor Intended us by the hon^{ble}: the Lords ^{Opp}rs: Soe we would not Desire or press any thing beyond yo^r: hon^{rs} power to ^{Opp}forme, but Shall on our p^{rts} Give our Utmost

assistance to the attayning of a ~~W~~fect Settlement, To the hono^r= of the Lords to the Encourag^t— of others and the hapiness of this Collony/

A Bill for the Entry of Vessells, a Bill for Settling of pylotage a Bill to prevent marrin^{rs} and Seamen Runing into Debt Comited to Cap^t: Edm^d: Bellinger Capt^t: George Dearsley and m^r John Alexand^r to be prepared and presented to the house on munday at two of the Clock in the afternoone/

A Bill for Regulateing Publique houses, and for ascertaineing the prices of Liquor^s: a Bill for ascertaineing Publick officers fees Comitted to Capt James Young m^r: Daniell Courtise and Doc^r James Williams to be prepared and presented to the house on Munday Two of the Clock in the afternoone/

A Bill Inhibitting the tradeing wth Serv^{ts} and Slaves— A Bill for the better ordering of Slaves and a Bill for the poore Committed to Capt Job How m^r Ralph Izard and m^r Rob^t Stevens Sen^r— to be prepared and presented to the house on Munday two of the Clock in the afternoone/

A Bill for the better settling and Regulateing the Militia Comitted to Cap^t W^m Davis Cap^t George Rayno^r: and Cap^t John Clifford to be prepared and presented to the house on Munday Two of the Clock in the afternoone/

A Bill for Destroying of Unmarked Cattle Comitted to m^r: Richard Baker m^r: W^m— White and m^r James Witter to be prepared and presented as above/

A Bill for Settleing and Continueing a watch in Charles Towne and to Cleare the Same from Und^rwood A Bill to make Currant and Establish and Settle the weight and Vallue of forraigne Coyne Comitted to m^r: W^m: Smith And m^r Hen LeNoble, to be prepared and presented as above/

M^r Speaker Adjourned the house to Two of the Clock in the afternoone/

In the Afternoone/

The House mett according to adjournmt

Rules and ord^{rs} to be observed by the memb^{rs}= as ffolloweth

- (1) When any man Intends to Speake he is to stand up uncovered and to address him selfe to the Speaker, who usually Calls Such ~~W~~son by name that the house may take notice who it is that Speaks
- (2) If more then one Stands up at once the Speaker is to Determine who was first up: and he is to Speake, and the others to Sitt downe

Unless he who was first up Sitt down againe and Give way to the other or that Some membr Stand up and acquaint the House that an other was up before him whome the Speaker Calls, And the House adjudge it Soe/

(3) When a membr— is Speakeing none is to Stand up or Interupt him till he has done Speakeing and Sate down and then any other may Arise/

(4th:) That when m^r: Speaker Desires to Speaker he ought to be heard wthout Interuption if the house be Silent and not in Dispute/

(5th:) That if any Question be upon a Bill the Speaker is to Ex-plainē but not to Sway the house wth argum^{ts} or Disputes/

(6th) That if any membr Hisself or Disturbeth any one in his Speech Shall answer it at the barr/

(7th:) If any membr: (the house Sitting and in presence Use any Reflecting words of, or offend the authority of his Majestye the Governo^r or this house he is to be caled to the barr and there answer the Same/

(8th—) Any membr (the house Sitting Departing the house without Leave from the Speaker Shall be fined any Sume not Exceeding 2^s: 6^d:/

(9th:) When any membr— Speaks to a Bill Lett him Stand up Un-covered, and Direct his Speech only to y^e Speaker or Chaire, and altho' upon the answer of another member he hath further matter to alledge in Defence of his first argument against the answer, yett he Shall not make any further Discourse on y^e Same day wthout Leave of the Speaker/

(10th:) When any mater or Bill is putt to the Voat in the house m^r: Speaker Shall putt the Question thus, The Yeas are to Stand up and the Nays to Sitt downe/

(11th:) All Bills are Either Unanimously Rejected at first or Else allowed to be Debated/

(12th) After any bill hath been Twice Read on Two Several Days then it is Ingrossed and Read the Third Time and then the Chaire-man is to aske if they will have it putt to the Question a Law or noe Law/

(13th:) If any Bill be Rejected the Same Shall not be any more proposed that Session wthout Some materiall alteracons

(14th) Any Member fayling or neglecting to meet at the houre of adjournment wthout Snding a Satisfactory Reason to the House Shall be fined in any Sume not Exceding two Shillings and Six pence/

(15th:) While the house is Sitting: noe man ought to Speake or Whisper to another to the End the house might not be Interupted, when any are Speakeing, but Every one is to Intend the buisness of the house/

(16th) Ordrd that the Majority of Tenn Members of this house or any Number above may from time to Time adjourne the house ~~Provided~~ the Speaker be one Butt for any thing Else not Less then Sixteene memb^{rs}— Shall have power/

(17) That Till the buisness in agitation be Ended noe new motion of any new matter Shall be made wthout Leave of the house/

A message from the Governo^r: acquainting the house that he would Have them appoyn^t some memb^r: to wayte upon him and he would Communicate to them his ord^{rs} and Instructions from y^e: ~~pp^{rs}~~:/ Ordered that m^r Ralph Izard Capt Job How Cap^t Edmond Bellinger, m^r W^m. Smith m^r Robt Stevens and m^r Dan— Courtise Doe wayte upon the honoble the Governo^r: to Se his Instructions and ord^{rs} in pursuance of the said Message/

M^r: Speaker adjourned the house till tomorrow Eight of the Clock in the Morning/

In The Morning the Ffirst day of Ffebruary 1695/6/
The House Me according to adjournmt

Present m^r Speaker

m^r Ralph Izard
m^r: Will Smith
Cap^t: Job Howes
m^r: John Alexand^r
Cap^t Georg Dearsley
m^r: John Ladson
Cap^t: Edmond Bellinger
m^r: Rich^d: Baker
Cap^t John Clifford
Doctr^r: Ja Williams
M^r: John Morton
m^r: Ja: Gilbertson
m^r: W^m— Carty
Cap^t W^m— Brockhurst
Cap^t Ja Young
m^r: Will White
m^r: Jos Ellicott
Cap^t W^m— Davis

Absent

m^r James Stanyarne
m^r: Daniell Courtise p^d:
m^r: John Hamilton
m^r: John Stanyarne
Cap^t Thomas Smith
Cap^t Thomas Broughton
m^r: James Witter
m^r: Gabrill Glaze/

Capt: George Raynor

m^r Hen LeNoble

M^r: Rob^t Stevens Sen^r—

Ordrd: that Capt Job How m^r Ralph Izard Cap^t Edmond Bellinger m^r: Rob^t Stevens m^r: John Ladson, & m^r John Morton be a Comitte to Draw up the formes of Conveyance of Lands and an act to Continue the Same And to Confirme Titles to Lands and Report the Same to this house/

M^r: Ralph Izard Cap^t Job How Cap^t Edm^d— Bellinger m^r: William Smith m^r Rob^t Stevens m^r Daniell Courtise Reports to the house that they have wayted upon the Honoble the Governo^r: according to a former ord^r: And that the Governo^r: was pleased to Shew them his Instructions from the Lords ~~Opp~~rs: and Gave the same to them, That the house might peruse them/

Ordrd that the Instructions be Entred in the Journall of this house which Ffollowes in these words/

Instructions for John Archdale Esq^r Governo^r of Carolina/

(1st) You are to Use yo^u Utmost Endeavors to Encourage the building of houses in Charles Towne and in ord^r thereunto you are to Endeavor the passing an act of the assembly, thatt all Lotts taken upp for two yeaeres Last past or upwards and not built on and that Shall not be built on by the ~~Opp~~son who tooke up the Same wth

Shall Revert to the ~~Opp~~rs: to be Disposed of for the best Encouragment of Building in the Same Towne, and it be ~~Opp~~vided for in all future Grants of Land by a Speciall Condicon/

(2^d) In the Same act or an other as you Shall finde most Convenient to ~~Opp~~vide that who Ever has, taken up any Land and has not wthin three yeaeres after his takeing up, Cleared, or Shall not wthin

next Comeing Cleare a part of the same and doth not now or wthin 12 months next Ensueing Shall not occupy it by him selfe Serv^{ts} or assignes Shall be adjudged a Deserter and be fore Closed of any Right or title thereto/

(3^d) after yo^r arrivall at Charles Towne if you thinke it Convenient for the ~~Opp~~motion of Good Governm^t to Check vice and Encourage Sobriety and virtue as well as Trade you may then ~~Opp~~pose to that Towne a Charter wth Such privilidges as you and three more of our Deputies Shall think Expedient for the Ends aforesaid, which Charter you are to Transmitt to us for our approbation/

(4th) You are also to Endeavor the building of a new Towne or Townes in Such places as you Shall think most healthfull and Com-

dious for Commerce and trade and to Grant Such priviledges as you Shall thing most Encourageing/

(5) You are wth the assistance of the Grand Councill to Inspect into all our Constitutions and what of them you Shall thinke most Expedient for the beter Establishment of our Goverm^t: for ye Good and well fare of our people You are to present to the Generall assembly for their Concurrence and what shall be by yo^u: and our said Grand Councill and assembly Soe agreed on: You are to Transmitt to us for our Concurrence therein and to wayte our Determination on the mater/

(6th.) You may Grant Encouragem^{ts}. for Improvem^{ts}. as Drayning Marshes makeing Salt whale fishing building Mills or any other matters that you in yo^r Judgment Shall thinke Expedient for the Good of the Country Either by pattents or what other way you Shall think most Expedient/

(7th.) You are to Endeavor to Gitt an act of the assembly for the fortifieing of Charles Towne/

(8th) You are Desired in a Perticular maner to take great Care that the Indjans be not abused, and y^t all meanes may be used to Civilize them/

(9th.) You are to use your Endeavor for Selling of Land butt to Preserve a Quitt Rent of 12 pence a yeare for one hundred acres and Soe ~~Pro~~portionably; yo^r Price nere the Settlement not to be und^r Twenty pounds a Thousand acres and at Two hundred Miles Distance or near the mountaines Tenn pound for a Thousand acres and not Und^r:/

(10th) And for all other matters y^t are not herein ~~Pro~~vided for you are to be Guided by the Generall Instructions to Co^{ll}: Phillip Ludwell and m^r Thomas Smith Late Governo^{rs}— or Soe many of the articles of their instructions as Shall in yo^r Judgment Seeme most fitt to be putt in practise Given Und^r our hands and Seals this 23 day of August 1695/

Craven Pallatine (II)

To John Archdale Esq^r } Bathe (II)
Governo^r: of Carolina } Carterett (II)
A: Ashley (II)

W^m- Thronburgh for } (II)
S^r: John Colleton }
Tho Amyy (II)

Ordered that m^r: Ralph Izard Cap^t Job hows m^r. John Alexander Cap^t Edmond Bellinger m^r. Robert Stevens m^r. Daniell Curtise & m^r. W^m— Smith doe wayte upon the honoble the Governor and

Returne him the thanks of the house for Shewing to them his Instructions from the R^t Hon^{ble} the L^{ds}— W^{rs}— beareing date the 23^d: day of august 1695/ and that they Returne the said Instructions to the s^d Governo^r— and Request him to Informe the house whether he hath any other Ord^{rs} or Instructions/

(from)

The Lords Prop^{rs}— for the Ffortifying of Charles Towne And how and in what method they would have the Same Done/

M^r Speaker by Consent of the Members adjourned the house till two of the Clock in the afternoone on munday next/

Munday the 3^d of Ffebruary 1695/6

The house mett According to adjournmt:

Absent Cap^t John Clifford

Cap^t Georg Dearsley

Cap^t: W^m— Davis

Cap^t George Raynor

mr: John Hamilton

mr: John Stanyarne

Cap^t Thomas Smith/

A Bill to Prevent Marrin^{rs} and Seamen Runing into Debt Read the first time and past wth amendments

ordrd. that the House Enter into Debate Tomorrow morning upon Bills (Vizt) A Bill for the watch in Charles Towne And a Bill for Settling a Vallue upon Fforaigne Coyne/

M^r Speaker adjourned the house till 8 of the Clock tomorrow morning/

In The Morning the 4th of Ffebruary 1695/6/

The house mett according to adjournmt

Absent

M^r: Ralph Izard

mr: W^m— Smith p^d

mr John Ladson p^d

mr James Gilbertson p^d

mr Rob^t Stevens Sen^r

mr John Hamilton

mr John Stanyarne

Cap^t Tho Smith

Cap^t Thomas Broughton

The Committe for preparing a bill for Entry of Vessells a Bill for Pylotage and a Bill to prevent marriners and Seamen Runing into Debt, Reports to the house that they have made Some progress in them but Desire a fater time to finish the Same

ordrd that m^r John Morton Cap^t Ed: Bellinger Cap^t Georg Dearsley M^r John Alexand^r and m^r Ja Stanyarn be a Committe to Enq^r: what acts are Expired or nere Expireing and Draw up a Bill or Bills for the Reviveing and Continueing them/

The whole house Resolved into a Grand Comitte to Debate bills: (vizt)

a Bill for Settling a Watch in Charles Towne and a Bill for Settling a Vallue upon fforraigne Coyne/

And Cap^t Edm^d Bellinger Chosen Chairman who accordingly tooke the Chaire/

m^r Speaker Reasumed the Chair/

M^r: Chairman Reports to the house that the Comitte Resolves That the bills for the watch And Settleing a Vallue upon Fforaigne Coyne, be againe Comitted for Additions and amendments/

ordrd: That the Comittee for preparing the s^d: Bills Doe againe Take them and make additions and Amendments in them,

The house adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the after Noone/

In the afternoone the house mett according to adjournmt

Absent

Cap^t Wm— Davis p^d

Cap^t Georg Rayno^r p^d

m^r John Hamilton

m^r John Stanyarne

Cap^t Tho Smith/

Cap^t Tho Broughton

The Comitte for Drawing an humble peticon to y^e honoble the Governo^r: and Lords ^{Opp}rs Deputyes for the Remission of the ar-rears of Rent presented the Same to this house

ordrd that Cap^t Job How Cap^t Edm^d Bellinger and Cap^t Georg Dearsley againe take the above Peticon for additions and amendments and present the Same to this house

Resolved That the house Resolve into a Committe of the whole house To Consider of ways and methods for the fortifieing of Charles Towne on Thursday next in the forenoone

The Comitte for preparing a bill for the better Settling and Regulateing the Millitia presented the Same to this house.

Landgrave Joseph Morton and Cap^t Ja Moore Delivered this house

from y^e upper house the writt for Convening the Inhabitants of this province to appoyn the Number of their Deligates and y^e Sheriffe of Berkly County's Returne of the Same

A Bill for the better Settling and Regulateing y^e millitia brought into y^e house and being Read/

ordrd: that the Comitte for prepareing y^e s^d Bill Doe take the same againe, for additions and amendments and present the same to this house

ordrd: that the Messeng^r: of this house doe Imediately Give notice to Rob^t Gibbes Esq^r: high Sheriffe yt he doe forthwith attend y^e house to answer to y^e Returne he hath made of y^e writt of Convention of y^e freemen of this part of this ~~Pro~~vince/ to appoyn the Number of their Representatives in y^e assembly

The house adjourn^d: till Eight of y^e Clock in the Morning

Ffbruary the 5th in The morning the house mett according to ad-journm^t/

The Comitte for makeing additions & amendm^{ts} in the Bill for Settling and Regulateing y^e millitia presented y^e Same to this house wth: additions and amendments and being Read was past the first time wth amendments

According to a foregoeing ord^r of the house Rob^t: Gibbes Esq^r high Sheriffe attended the house

The house heareing the answer of Robert Gibbes Esq^r: Sheriffe to the Returne of the writt of the Convention of the people to Appoyn the number of their Representatives in the Assembly

Resolved that the s^d Sheriffe's Returne of the s^d Writt of Convention is false/

Ordrd: that the s^d: Rob^t— Gibbes Esq^r: high Sheriffe doe mend his Returne of the said Writt of Convention, According to the said Returne, In the words the people at y^e s^d Convention Expres't in the paper then Delivered to him the said Sheriffe by m^r— Jonathan Amory by the Desire and Request of the whole Convention/

The Comitte for makeing additional amendm^{ts}: in y^e bill for Settling a Vallue upon forraigne Coyne presented the Same to the house wth additions and amendm^{ts} And being read the first Time was past wth amendm^{ts}/

The Comitte appoynted for makeing additions and amendm^{ts}: in the petition to the uper house for the abatement of y^e arreares of

Rent presented the same to the house wth additions and amendments/

ordrd= that the s^d: petition be Entred in the Journall of : this house/ And y^t m^r Speaker Signe the same/ which follows in these words/

To The R^t Honorable: John Archdale Esqr Governor: and Capt^t: Generall of the province of Carolina And to the Honorable the Lords prop^{rs}: Deputys/

The Humble Petition of the house of Commons

May it please yo^r hono^{rs}:

The R^t Honorable: the Lords and absolute Prop^{rs}: of this Province not requiring from the people any Rent till the yeare 1690 Gave the first Settlers of this place Such Encouragement that they Laboured und^r a Continuall watch and Guard to Defend it and themselves from the attempt^s of y^e Spanyards and Natives that they were Soe much Employed therein that for Many yeare they Could not make Sufficient Provisions for themselves but Suffred the want of Bread and went thr^o many Difficultyes Even to the Dyspare of their lives, at Last it pleased God by his Divine Goodness Soe to bless the Endeavor^s: of the people of this Settlement that they not only made their owne Provisions but in Some measure Supplied their neighbours by which means the fame of this place beyond seas Encouraged many people in Europe & other parts to Come hither and Settle, and they did willingly and Readily take the Conveyance for Land that was then Granted and Cherefuly Joyned hand in hand wth: their neighbours in Settling and Defending this palce to the Great hono^r of the Lords prop^{rs}: and the Joy and strengthning of the first Commers insoemuch that they doubted not but all Difficulties were over and that Every one Should Sitt downe in Peace und^r his owne vine) But those Halcyon Days did not Continue Long, their Lordshipps were pleased in the yeare one thousand Six hundred Eighty Two, to alter their first Grant and ord^r a new Conveyance for Land to the Great Dislike of the people which Occationed Some Some old Settlers and many New Commers to Leave this Settlem^t & Some that Stayd Spent their Substance wayting in Expectacon when the s^d: Greiveance would be Removed, others that were Compelled to Settle in the woods were Discouraged to plant and Improve their plantaccons for want of Complete Title to their Lands, their Lordshipps also Left the Governmt^t: of this Settlem^t uncertaine and were pleased frequently to alter the same, these mutations hapning one on the neck of another, occasioned heart burnnings and Discontents

amongst ye Inhabitants and kept Many in Doubt whether they would Settle here or noe, which not only kept them from Improving but occasioned the wasting of their Estates and Soe Impoverished this Settlem^t: That if yo^r hono^{rs} make the people pay their arreares of their Rent it will Endanger the Ruine of the Greatest part of the planters and force them to Suffer their Lands to Revert to their Lordshipps/ all which we make knowne and Lay before yo^r Honors— And further add Since now the Considerable Trade of Charles Towne hath gained it ye reputacon of a wealthy place which (we are Credibly Inform^d: and have Reason to believe) hath Encouraged Sever^{ll}, privateers to attempt the plundering and Burning of ye Same, which caⁿot be prevented but by fortifieing of itt which is now und^r our Consideracon, butt Canot be Done wthout a very Great Charge to the Inhabitants of this their Collony which notwithstanding, being sensible of the necessity thereof we are willing to accomplish therefore we humbly begg yo^r hono^{rs} That for ye Reasons afore said yo^r hono^{rs} will be pleased to forgive the arrears of Rent to ye Inhabitants of this part of their ^{Pro}vince, itt will the better Encourage & Enable us to und^rtake the Great butt Necessary Charge of fortifieing Charles Towne ye only place of trade & strength in ye whole ^{Pro}vince and which being lost will necessaryly unsettle and Ruine this now thriveing Collony & will oblige us to provide for ye Certaine/

The Comitte for prepareing a Bill for Regulateing publick houses and for ascertaining the prises of Liquors presented the Same to this house/

Ordrd: that the s^d Comitte doe againe take the s^d bill and make further Amendments thereon and present ye Same to this house/ The house Adjourned till three of the Clock in the afternoone/

In the afternoone the house mett according to adjournmt/

The Comitte for Prepareing a bill for the better ordering of Slaves presented the Same to this house The said bill being read/ ordered that the Committe for preparing the said Bill doe again take the Same and make additions and amendments/

Order^d— That Cap^t Edmond Bellinger Capt Job How m^r: Robert Stevens m^r Daniell Courtise and m^r: John Morton Doe waite upon the Hono^{rble}: the Govern^r to know his pleasure in passing an Act to methodize the Encrease of the Number of the Commons in the Gener^{ll}: Assembly and make Report thereof to this house/

The house adjourned by Consent of the Members Till 8 of the Clock to morrow morning

In the Morning the 6th Ffbruary the house mett according to adjourn^{mt}—

The Comitte for wayting upon the honob^{le} the Governo^r: to know his pleasure in passing an act to methodize the Encrease of the Number of the Commons in the Generall assembly Reports to the house that the Governo^r: is willing that a bill be prepared for that purpose/

Ordrd: That Capt Edm^d: Bellinger m^r Ralph Izard Capt Job How m^r John Morton & m^r Will Smith be a Committe to prepare a bill to methodize the Encrease of the Commons in the Generall Assembly, and that they Report the Same to this house/

Ordrd— that Rob^t Gibbes Esq^r Sheriffe be Dismissed from the attendance of this house and that he Give his attendance here againe upon Notice Given him/

Upon heareing the peticon of John Hamlin Master of the Sloop Supply of Conneciticot in New England/

Ordrd: that y^e said John Hamlin have Liberty of putting on Shour and Selling one hundred Barr^{ls} of Cyder Custome Ffree and that this ord^r be Sentt to the upper house for their Concurrence and that the Receiver Gener^{ll} Give obedience hereunto and that the Clerk Signe this ord^r

The above ord^r is assented to by the uper house and Signed by their ord^r Tho Cary Secry^{try}=

According to an ord^r of this house that the house Resolve into a Committe of the whole house to Consider of wayes & methods for y^e fortifeing of Charles Towne,

The House Resolves in to a Committe and Capt Edm^d Bellinger Chosen Chair man/

The Question is putt whether a Tax Shall be Raysed upon Skinns and furrs only, or a Generall Tax Towards the fortifeing of Charles Towne/

Caryed for a Tax upon Skinns and furrs/

M^r= Speaker Reasumed the Chaire/

M^r: Chairman Reports to the house that it is the Resolucon of the Committe that it is Necessary that Some thing be Done at the End of the broad Street fronting to Cooper River, and at the South End of Charles Towne Towards the fortifying and Defence of this place and that Towards the fortifying of Charles Towne their

be a Tax Raised upon Skinns and furrs & that the Imposition upon Liquo^rs & be Continued/

ordrd— That Cap^t John Clifford Cap^t Tho Broughton & Cap^t Tho Smith be a Committe to prepare a bill for Laying a Tax or Imposition upon Skinns and furrs and for Continuation of the Imposition upon Liquo^rs: &c and present the Same to this house/

Ordrd: That y^e Receiver Generall doe bring into the house the acco^{ts}: of y^e Publick Treasury of this ^{Pro}vince to Morrow Morning/ Ordrd that Cap^t George Dearsly doe prepare a bill to Prohibitt the Transporting of Sead^r Timber in the Logg And present the Same to this house/

Mr: Speaker by Consent of the members adjourned y^e house till three of the Clock in the afternoone/

In y^e after noone/ The house mett
According to adjournm^t

Ordrd y^t y^e Committe for Drawing up a bill for y^e poore Shall Inspect into Such ord^r or ord^{rs} of Councill or bonds as Relate to William Ballaugh for y^e paym^t of one hundred pounds to be paid m^r: Joseph Pendarvis and Cap^t Charles Basden and to Draw up a Bill for the poore/

Landgrave Jos Morton Cap^t James Moore and Tho Cary Delivered this house, from the upper house the Answear of the Governo^r: & Lords ^{Pro}ps: Deputyes to the peticon of the house of Commons D^ld= the uper house the 5th: february 1695/6 Which Ffolloweth in these Words vitz/

We would Desire you to ^{Pro}use or: answer as Deputyes, & the Governo^rs: distinct answer in ^{Pro}ticular to the former Assembly upon this Subject matter of the arrears wherein we Doubt not but y^t their be Reasons Sufficient Given for the payment of the arrears of the Lords Rents, But being the Governo^r is willing to Give life to yo^r hopefull beginnings of y^e true Settlem^t of this Collony, he doth hereby wth y^e advice of his Councill Think good further to offer to you, y^t if you Shall ^{Pro}vide for y^e Just payment of the Lords Debts, and allsoe make a Rationall ^{Pro}vision for y^e security of the Towne Country and Shipping Comeing into or Goeing out of this harbour and ^{Pro}vide Effectually for the Easy and Secure paym^t of y^e future rents That then he is willing to Remitt the whole Arrears to Michalemas one thousand Six hundred ninety and five, or otherwayes the Governo^r himselfe will take as Easey a Method for y^e arrears as Can Reasonably and Justly be Expected/

A Bill for Inhibititing the Tradeing wth Serv^{ts}= and Slaves Read the first Time and past wth amendments /

Ordrd y^e Capt^t Edm^d= Bellinger m^r Ralph Izard Capt^t Job How
Capt^t John Clifford and m^r: John Morton doe wayte upon the honoble
the Governo^r: and Lords Φ p^{rs}: Deputyes & Request them to Informe
this house what Debts The Lords Φ p^{rs}: owes in this part of this
 Φ vince and Likewise what arreares of Rent they doe Claime from
the Inhabitants of y^e Same/

The house adjourned Till 7 of the Clock in the Morning/

In the morning the 7th of February/

The house mett according to adjournmt:

Ordrd= that m^r Ralph Izard m^r Rob^t Stevens and Cap^t Job Howes
be a Committee to See that y^e Receiver of the Publick powder hath
formed the Conditions of the act for Raysing a Publick Store of
powder for the Defence of this ^{Province}/

Ordrd= That W^m— Smith Esq^r: doe Inspect into the Inconveniences of the act for Prevention of the Seas further Encroachment upon the wharfe in Charles Towne, and make Report thereof to this house/

Ordered that m^r James Witter prepare a Bill for makeing Sufficient fences and present the Same to this house/

Ordrd: that Cap^t How m^r Robert Stevens and m^r Ralph Izard doe
prepare a bill or a Clause in a bill for the Repealeing the act for
Encourageing the makeing wine Indigo and Salt/

According to an Ord'r of this house y^e Receiver Generall brought his
acco^{ts} of the Publick money and Store/

Ordrd= that m^r: W^m— Smith Cap^t Edm^d Bellinger and Mr Henry Le Noble be a Committe to Examine the s^d: Publick acco^{ts}/ Ordered y^t Cap^t Will Davis doe prepare a bill for the Destroying Beasts of prey and present the Same to this house/ .

The house Adjourned till Thre a Clock in

The afternoone/

The Afternoone The house mett according to adjournment

The Committe for wayting upon the Governo^r & Lords Prop^{rs}—
Deputyes Reports to the house that the Governo^r— would take Care
that the house should have an acco^t of what y^e Lords Prop^{rs}— are

Indebted in this part of this Province/ and that he would Give the house an acco^t of what rents are allready Received And Desires that the house would Satisfie themselves what arrears of Rents are Due to the Lords Prop^{rs}/

The house Adjourned Till next Tuesday Come seaven Night Att Nine of the Clock in The Morning being the 18th: Instant

The House mett according to adiournmt

The 18th: february 1695/6/

M^r Speaker adjourned the house till 3 of the Clock in y^e afternoone/

In The afternoone the house mett according to adjournmt/

A Bill to Prevent the Carying off of Sead^r Timber in y^e Logg Was brought in to this house by Cap^t George Dearsley

Ordrd that he Doe againe take the Same & make amendments therein and present the Same to this house/

A Bill for Destroying beasts of Prey &c: brought into this house by Cap^t William Davis, The same being Read/

Ordrd That he againe take the same and make adittions and amendments therein and present the Same to this house/

A bill for the keeping and maintaineing a watch and good orders in Charles Towne Brought into this house and being Read the first time is past wth: amendments/

M^r Speaker by consent of the members adjourn^d= the house till 8 of the clock To morrow morning/

In the morning the house mett according to adjournmt y^e: 19th: febry 1695/6

Ordered y^t noe member of the house Smoake Tobacco in the house the house Sitting/

A Bill for the Better ordering of Slaves Brought into the house, and Being Read the first Time is past wth: amendments/

A Bill for Regulateing Publick houses and to ascertaine the prices of Liquors/ Brought into this house and Being Read the first time is past wth: Amendments/

Ordered y^t cap^t Edm^d: Bellinger cap^t Job How and m^r John Ladson, doe wayte upon the honoble the Governor: wth: a forme of a Grant for Land for his approbation, and make Report of their Proseeding to this house/

Ordered y^t cap^t: George Dearsly cap^t: John Clifford and m^r: James Witter be A Committe to prepare a bill for the settling of pylotage & present the Same to this house/

Order^d that A Bill to Methodize and Ascertaine the number of the Representatives of the house of Commons &ee/ Be Debated by a Committe of the whole house Tomorrow Morning/

The Speaker by Consent of the members

Adjourned the house till 3 of y^e Clock in y^e after noone/

In The afternoone The house mett according to adjournment/

The comitte for wayting upon the hono^{rble}— the Governo^r— wth: a forme of a Grant for Land/ Reports to the house that his hono^r— will peruse the Same and Give his answ^r— thereto/

The Question is putt whether the clause in the militia act for tend^r Consciences shall be added in the s^d act or not

Caryed in the Negative/

Nemine Contra Dicinte

A Bill for the better Settling and Regulaeting of the Militia Read the Seccond Time and past/

Ordered y^t the paper Delivered by m^r Jonathan Amory on the behalfe and at y^e Request of y^e Convention of y^e freemen, and brought into this house by m^r Sheriffe be Comitted to the Custody of the Clerke of this house to be Safely kept till further ord^r from this house/

Ordered y^t m^r Will Smith and Cap^t Edm^d Bellinger doe wayte upon the upper house and Debate y^e amendments of y^e Lycence act and the act for the watch in Charles Towne/

By Consent of y^e members m^r Speaker adjourned the house Till Eight of the Clock to morrow morning/

In the morning the 20th: Ffbruary The house mett according to adjournment/

The whole house Resolved into a Committe to Debate the Bill to methodize and ascertaine the number of the Representatives of the house of Commons

Cap^t Edmond Bellinger Chosen Chaire Man Who accordingly tooke the Chair/

M^r: Speaker Reasum^d— the Chair/

And m^r Chair Man Reports to y^e house y^t it is the opinion of the Committe, that a bill be Drawn up that Thirty ~~3~~sons shall Represent y^e Commons in the Assembly for y^e Space of fflower yeaeres, and y^t at y^e Expiration thereof it shall be in y^e power of the Commons

of Assembly to Nominate & apoynt how many more shall represent y^e whole people/

ordered y^t a Clause be Drawne in a bill y^t the Governo^r and fower Lords prop^{rs}: Deputyes Shall have sufficient power to Give acts of assembly sufficient strength and force to take Effect Imedately and y^t they may Continue in force according to their Limetations/

A Bill for the Destroying Beasts of prey and for Appoynting magistrates for y^e heareing and Determineing of all Causes and Controversies betweene white man and Indian & Indian & Indian/

Read the first Time and past wth Amendm^{ts}—

A Bill for Destroying of Unmarked Cattle Read y^e first Time and past wth amendments/

An Act Inhibitting y^e Trading wth Serv^{ts} and Slaves Read the seccond Time and past/

The House adjourned till 3 a Clock in the afternoone/

In the after noone the house mett according to adjournment/

The Comitte for Prepareing a Bill for Laying a Tax or Imposition upon Skins and furrs brought the Same into this house and being Read/

Ordered y^t the s^d Committe doe againe take y^e same for aditions & amendm^{ts} and present the same to this house/

Ordered y^t Cap^t: Will Davis m^r John Ladson m^r James Gilbertson m^r Ja Stanyarne and m^r Robert Stevens be a Committee to Prepare a bill that thirty ~~sons~~ Shall Represent the Commons in the assembly for y^e Space of fower yeares and y^t at the Expiracon thereof it shall be in the power of y^e Commons of Assembly to nominate & appoyn特 how many more shall represent the whole people/

M^r Speaker by Consent adjourned the house till tomorrow morning 8 of y^e Clock/

In the morning y^e 21st: february 1695/6:

The House mett according to adjournment/

A Bill for Regulateing Publick houses &c/ Read y^e seccond time and past/

A Bill for the keeping and maintayning a watch in Charles Towne Read ye Seccond Time and past/

The House adjourned till 3 a Clock in ye afternoone

In the afternoone the house mett according to adjournm^t/

A message from the upper house by Landgrave Joseph Morton and

Cap^t James Moore informing this house of Severall amendments in
ye bill Destroying beasts of prey &c/

And allso y^t the fforfeitures appropriated therein Should be to the
Lords ~~prop^{rs}~~: or that this house would produce Some prescidents to
the Contrary/

Ordrd that Cap^t Job Hows Cap^t Edm^d: Bellinger m^r John Morton
m^r John Alexand^r: & Cap^t Thomas Broughton be A Comitte
to waite upon the uper house, and Request them that they would
Give to this house their Reasons in wrighting why the fines and
forfeitures in the said Bill Should not be appropriated to ye uses
therein Mentioned/

Ordrd: also y^t the s^d Committe doe Desire the upper house to Informe
this house how they approve of ye forme of Conveyance for Land
presented to them, and whether a bill shall be prepared by this to
Enact the Same/

The Committe aforesaid reports that the Governo^r: would take the
advice of ye upper house and Give his Reasons in wrighting as is
Desired, and that he will allso send to this house another forme of
Conveyance of Land for ye house to Consider of, but that it was
never yett in his minde to pass it in an act/
order^d That

A Bill Inhibiting the Tradeing wth serv^{ts} and slaves be Ingrossed
by the Clerke//

A bill to prevent marrin^{rs} and seamen Runing into Debts Read the
Seccond Time and past/

Upon ye Reading the petition of John Thomas To be naturalized for
this ~~prop^{rs}~~ vince.

ordered that m^r John Alexander and m^r Henry Le Noble be a
Comitte to Draw up a Bill for y^t purpose/

A Bill to Enable ~~sons~~ to pay their Debts Read the first Time and
past wth amendments/

The house adjourned till 8 a Clock to morrow morning/

In the morning the 22 february 1695/6/

The House mett according to adjournment/

ordered y^t: Cap^t Edmond Bellinger Cap^t Job:¹ & m^r Robert Stevens
be a Comitte to Draw up an answer, to the Reasons for ye fforfeitures
to be to the Lords prop^{rs} presented this house from the upper house
yesterday (and present the same to this house)

¹Howes has evidently been omitted here.

Ordered that a Bill for the keeping and maintayning a watch and Good ord^r in Charles Towne be Ingrossd— by the Clerke/

A Bill for Nominating the Number of the Deligates of the freemen in parliament or assembly Read the first time and past wth: amendments/

A Bill for Distrorying of Unmarked Cattle Read the Seccond Time and past/

M^r Speaker/

By yo^r message to us this afternoone we are Given to und^rstand you desire we will give you Reasons why we demand that all forfeitures by that Law (Except Such part as is Given to y^e Informers or ~~Pro~~secutors) should be to the Lords ~~Pro~~p^rs to which we think fitt to Lett you know, That (as farr as we know) one moyety or Certaine part of all forfeitures made Such by y^e Statute Laws of England (forfeitures by Comon Laws we believe are Soe out of Debate) are allwayes to the King whose Royall prerogative in that and Severall other things by his Charter is to us Given/

Ffebry/ 21st 1695/6/

Tho Cary Secretary

Signed by ord^r of this house

May it please yo^r hono^rs/ Whereas yo^r hono^rs In the message to us yesterday sent and Signed by m^r Secretary, yo^r hono^rs Seeme to Doubt that noe fine and forfeitures without a moyety or Certaine part thereof to the King have bin Imposed by y^e Statutes Laws or acts of parliament of England therefore to Resolve yo^r hono^rs in that poyn^t amongst numerous presidents to the Contrary we present to yo^r hono^rs: these few ffollowing Quotations viz/

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13 ^{mo} ,	caroli 2 ^{di} ,	chap ^t ,	10,	No,,	4:	:	::
13 ^{mo} ,	14 ^{mo} ,	caroli 2 ^{di} ,	chap ^t ,	2 ^d ,	par,,	24	—
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13 ^{mo} ,	14 ^{mo} ,	caroli 2 ^{di} ,	chap ^t ,	26,,	par,,	6 th	— —
	15 ^{mo} ,	caroli 2 ^{di} ,	chap ^t ,	1 st ,	par,,	3,,	9 th
13 ^{mo} ,	14 ^{mo} ,	caroli 2 ^{di}	chap ^t ,	32 ^d ,	par,,	5,,	— —
	30 ^{mo} ,	caroli 2 ^{di}	chap ^t ,	3 ^d ,	par,,	5	— — —

Which we Doubt not but will be a satisfactory Reason for yo^r hono^rs passing those acts wherein y^e fine and fforfeitures are Directed to a ~~Pro~~ticular use for the Service of this Soe hopefull A Collony/

Ordrd That m^r Speaker Signe the above Answer/

The answer of the of the Uper house ffolloweth in these words

Mr Speaker yo^r Presidents in yo^r Last message Sent to us have Given Satisfaction to us, and you may proceed to Dispose of fines and fforfeitures as in the Respective acts mentioned/

Signed by Ord^r ye 22^d february 1695/6/ Thomas Cary Secretary/ Ordrd that A Bill for the Destroying of Unmarked Cattle be Ingrossed by the Clerke/

A message from ye uper house by Cap^t James Moore and Landgrave Joseph Morton, acquainting this house that ye uper house Desires a Confferance wth this house about the Millitia Bill/

By Consent of ye members adjourned the house till one of ye Clock in ye afternoone on Tuesday next/

february the 25th: 1695/6.

The House mett according to adjournment

Mr Speaker adjourned the house till tomorrow morning Eight of the Clock/

In the morning the 26th. february 1695/6

The House mett according to adjournment/

A message from the upper house by Landgrave Joseph Morton and cap^t James Moore acquainting the house that the Governo^r Desired a Conferance wth this house not only Relateing to the Millitia Bill, butt allso about the Bill for methodizing the Number of ye Deligates of the people in assembly and the Conveyances of Land/

Ordered y^t Cap^t Job How m^r Will Smith Cap^t Edm^d Bellinger m^r Robert Stevens and m^r John Ladson be appoynted to wayte upon ye uper house and Request them to Give ye heads in Wrighting of ye matters to be Debated in the Confferance upon their message sent to this house/

The above Committe Reports to the house that they have wayted upon ye uper house wth the above message and that the uper house will in a Short time send to the house what is Desired/

A message from the uper house by Landgrave Joseph Morton & Cap^t—James Moore, Acquainting the house that the Debate in the Conferrance is upon ye whole body of the Conveyance of Lands & upon the 2^d and 3^d paragraphs of the bill for nominateing the Number of the Deligates of the freemen in parliamts or assemblies and upon a Clause in the millitia Bill Relateing to the people Called ffriends/

Ordrd— That a bill to prevent marrin^{rs} and seamen Runing into Debt be Ingrossed by the Clerke/ .

A Bill for the Naturalizeing of John Thomas Cyrurgeon Read the first Time and past wth amendm^{ts}—

Ordrd: that Cap^t Edm^d: Bellinger m^r Jonathan Amory Cap^t Job How Cap^t John Clifford m^r Will Smith m^r Robert Stevens and m^r John Alexand^r be appoynted to manage y^e Conferrance betweene y^e uper house & this house tomorrow morning 9 a Clock/

A Bill for the Better Ordering of Slaves Read the Seccond Time and past/

By Consent of the Members m^r: Speaker adjourned the house till two a Clock in the afternoone/

In the afternoone the house Mett according to adjournmt/ The Question is putt whether Skinns and ffurrs Transported in Vessells wholly built and wholely belonging to the Inhabittants of this Governm^t shall pay halfe Duty or whole Duty

Caryed to pay halfe Duty

A Bill for Laying an Imposition upon skins and ffurrs Read the first Time and past wth amendments/

The House adjourned till 8 of y^e Clock to morrow morning—

The 27th february 1695/6/

In the Morning The house mett according to adjournmt—

This house wayted upon the uper house for a Conferrance according to a message from the uper house to Debate the parragrapts and Clauses of Bills in the s^d— message mentioned/

This house Returned from the Conferrance wth the uper house/ and m^r: Speaker by Consent adjourn^d the house till 2 of the Clock in the afternoone/

In y^e afternoone the House mett according to adjournment

The Question is putt whether the act to Encourage the planting of wheate shall be Repealed or not.

Caryed to be Repealed/

Ordrd: that A Bill for Regulateing Publick houses &c— be Ingrossed by the Clerke/

A Bill To Enable ~~sons~~ to pay their Debts &c Read the Seccond Time and Rejected/

ordrd: that Cap^t Job Hows Cap^t Jn^o Clifford m^r James Witter m^r Ralph Izard and Cap^t Tho Broughton be a Comitte to Examine and report to this house what Lands are Laid out and Surveyed to the Inhabittants of this province in ord^r to know what arrears of Rentts are Due to the Lords ~~Prs~~

mr Speaker by Consent adjourned the house till tomorrow morning Eight a Clock/

ffebuary the 28th: 1695/6

In the Morning the house mett according to adjournment ordrd: that Capt William Brockhus have the Leave of the house to Goe home upon an urgent occation/

A message from the uper house by Cap^t Ja Moore and mr Jno Berisford Informeing this house that the uper house Desires that a Comitte of this house may be appoynted to Confer wth a Comitte of the uper house about Conveyances of Lands and a bill for Enacting the same/

ordered that Cap^t Edm^d Bellinger mr Daniell Courtise mr John Morton mr Will Smith and mr Robert Stevens be a Comitte to Conferr wth: a Comitte of the uper house about Conveyances of Lands and a Bill for Enacting the same/

The house adjourned till tomorrow morning eight of the Clock/

February the 29th: 1695/6

In the morning the house mett according to adjournm^t/

ordered that A bill for the better Settling and Regulateing the millitia be Ingrossed by the Clerke/

upon heareing the Petition of those \mathbb{P} sons that ownes the ffront lotts upon Cooper River in Charles Towne

ordered that Mr. William Smith merch^t. prepare a bill to answer the prayer of the said Petition^{rs}. and bring the same to this house—

The Committe appoynted yesterday to Conferr wth a Committe of the uper house about Conveyance for Lands and and A Bill to Enact the same/

Brought into this house the forme of a Grant for Lands and Doe make these following Exceptions

That (The Grant being agreed on) it being Enacted that ye Governo^r— or the Governo^r for the time being wth: the Consent of three Deputyes Shall have power for yeares to Sell and Convey Lands accordingly, in Case their be noe \mathbb{P} son here Commissioned by the Lords—

That Base mines be not Excepted/

That ffealty be Left out of the Grant

that rents To be paid in Currant money of Carolina or the vallue thereof in merchantable Goods of the \mathbb{P} duction of this \mathbb{P} vince/

A message from ye uper house by Landgrave Jos Morton and Cap^t

James Moore Informeing this house in Wrighting the answer of y^e uper House to y^e objections of the Comitte of this house To The Conveyance or Grant of Land/ vitz

That no people that may heare of the report of the Sales and Grants of Land may when they come heare be Deceived in their Expectations I Consent that Care be taken to prevent it by Secureing it for Three yeares according to agreement I shall make wth: you and that Care be taken that their shall not be A Commissioner wanting to Sell Same/

That their be a Clause in the act for the Encouradgement of finding mines for yeares That if any ⠠son whatsoever shall Discover any base mines in any part of this part of the ⠠vince wth in 50 or 60 miles of Charles Towne that they shall have liberty to worke the same for his or their owne ⠠per use paying to the Lords only one sixth part of the oare as is Digg'd and wast, or the one tenth part of the mettle when Refined

I am Willing to Grant Lands in fee according to my powers by my Commission, and to have the peney ⠠ acre Expressed in y^e— Grant to be in Lieue of all Services Due to the ⠠prs as Lords of the ffee/ I am Willing that the Rents be paid in money as it now is or hereafter shall be Established by Law or the vallue thereof in any merchantable Comodityes of the ⠠duction of this ⠠vince fitt for England/

Ordered that Capt Edm^d Bellinger m^r Daniell Courtise m^r Robert Stevens m^r John Morton & Cap^t Tho Smith Deliver to the uper house the Message of this house in answer to the above message which ffollowes in these words/

That y^e secureing y^e Conveyance of Lands for 3 yeares will not answer the End of encourageing ⠠sons in Europe and other places to Come hither and settle which is soe much Desired by their Lordshipps and the Inhabitants of this place/

And Since the frequent altering the Conveyance of Lands hath been the Cheife occasion of this part of this ⠠vince being soe thinly peopled, and of the Unsettled state thereof/

The Commons belives nothing more Can Conduce to their Lordshipps Proffitt and the peopleing this place And Establishing a Sure Settlement Then fixing the Conveyance for Lands and ascertaineing the peoples haveing the same at least for Some Terme of yeares// Which the Commons are Desirous Shall be Twenty if yo^r honor^s are not willing to Grant it for more/

That their Lordshipps in the begining of the Settlement not Excepting of base mines was a Great Encouragement to the first comers and y^e Excepting of them in the Conveyance now will much Discourage the settlement of this place by the Inhabitants and also prevent others to Come and strengthen them/

And they are of oppinion that when a base mine is opned that y^e shares or parts Reserved to their Lordshipps in yo^r hono^rs— Message will be all if not more then the Cleare proffitts of said base mines/ And therefore prays that base mines may not be Excepted in the Conveyance/

The Commons prays that they may hold their Lands in free and Common Soccage at a Certaine Rent Expressed in the Conveyance in Lieue of all services and that the word ffealty may not be Excepted/

The Commons are willing to pay their Rents as yo^r hono^rs ~~poses~~ in yo^r Message Leaveing, the words (fitt for England) outt/ The House adjourned till 3 of the Clock in the after noone/

In y^e afternoone the house mett according to adjournment/ A message in writeing from y^e uper house by Landgrave Jos Morton Cap^t James Moore and Cap^t Will Hawett, to the message of this house this day to the uper house which follows in these words vizt/ I Consent that the forme of Grants for Lands for Quitt Rents at one penny ~~per~~ acre be Continued unalterable for tenn yeares/ And that y^e formes of Grants for Lands Sold upon which Twelve pence for Every hundred acres is Reserved as a Quitt rent be Continued unalterable for fower yeares and y^t after the Time noe other forme of Grant Shall be made in this part of this ~~Province~~ till Publication there of be made in the most notable places of the province at Least one yeare before the alteration thereof.

I Consent y^t a Clause may be made in a bill that Every ~~son~~ in whose plantation a mine Shall be found & wrote Shall have all damages payd them by the ~~sons~~ that workes the Mine/ Ordered y^t y^e above Message be Debated on munday next

M^r Speaker by Consent adjourned the house till Munday Morning tenn of the Clock/ in the forenoone

The 2^d: March 1695/6

Munday in the Morning the house Mett according to adjour^{mt}. A Bill for the Better settling & Regulateing of the Millita Read the Third Time and past into a Law/

Mr Speaker adjourned the house till 3 of the Clock in the afternoon/

In the after noone the House mett according to adjournment/
An Additionall act to Prevent the seas further encroachment upon the wharfe at Charles Towne Read the first Time and past wth amendments/

Ordered that m^r: Speaker present An act for the better Settling and Regulateing of the millitia to the uper house for Ratification/
The s^d act was Ratified in open assembly by the R^t: Hono^{rble}= John Archdale Esqr Governo^r: and Ldgrave Joseph Blake Landgrave Jos Morton James Moore Coll Steven Bull and William Hawett Esqrs= Lords, & P^r: Deputyes this Seccond Day of march 1695/6

m^r Speaker adjourned the house till 8 of the Clock to morrow morning/

In The Morning the 3^d March 1695/6
The house mett according to adjournmt/

The Committe for Examining what Lands are Laid out & surveyed to the Inhabittants of this province brought into this house the Lists of y^e names of such P^{rs}ons as to the best of their Knowledge were possessed of Lands upon Severall Claimes/

Orderd that m^r Robert Stevens Cap^t John Clifford m^r— Daniell Courtise and m^r John Ladson doe wayte upon the upper house wth. the lists afores^d and acquaint them that the s^d lists being Imperfect this house Could not Make any Reasonable Calculation what arrears of Rent are Due to their Lordshipps and Request them to Informe this house who in the said Lists holds their Lands by Grants who hath paid their Rents and how much and who hath purchased that this house may see what lands are possest wth:out Grants, and who are in arrears of Rent/

The above messengers Reports that they have Informed y^e uper house of the above message and y^t his hono^r the Governo^r acquainted them he would Consider the Matter and Give all y^e assistance he Could/

A Bill for the poore Read the first Time and past wth: amendments/

The House adjourned till 2 of the Clock in the after noone/

The House mett according to adjournmt/

A Bill to Prevent the Stealeing and takeing away of Boats and Canooes Read the first Time and past wth amendm^{ts}

A Bill for Cutting a Passage at the Daniells Reach Read the first Time and past wth Amendments/

The Question is putt whether an act for the better ordering of Slaves Shall be Ingrossed or not/

Caryed in the affirmative

ordered that the Clerke Doe ingrosse the s^d act for the better ordering of Slaves/

A Bill for Laying an Imposition upon skins and ffurrs for the Defence and Publick use of this Country read the seccond time and past/

A Bill to make Currant Establish & settle ye waights of fforraigne Coyne Read the seccond time and Rejected/

The Speaker by Consent of the Members adjourned the House till 8 of the Clock to morrow morning/

wensday March the 4th 1695/6

In the Morning the House mett according to adjourn^{mt}/
a message to the uppe house

That you Returne ye thanks of this house to the uper House for their Condesencion of ascertaineing the Grant for 1^d: an acre Rent for 16 yeares and seaven yeares the purchase Grant Reserveing 12^d: ye: 100 acres as in the Last Conferrance was Desired/

That you acquaint them That in the message of the up^r. House of the 29th. of february in the afternoone their being noe mention made of Includeing ye word fealty in the Grants, nor paying their Lordshipps Rents in Merchantable Commodityes fitt for England only. This house is of oppinion that the upper House agrees wth: them in those Two p^ticulars as was Desired in their Message in the forenoone of the same day/

That the Commons are Willing to allow a Part of ye Oare of all base mines Rather then be paid all Damages by their Lordshipps, in Case they open a Mine in any of their plantacons/

And the Comons Doe not Doubt but yt their Honors will Accept of Twenty pounds a Thousand Currant money for Lands Sold upon which 12^d: for Every hundred acres is Reserved, since their Lordshipps have left it in their powers And that his hono^r the Governor offten promised this house he would doe all yt Lay in his power for the Good of ye Country and the people thereof/

To which particulars the Commons Desires the answer of the uper

house in wrighting that the Conveyance may be effected and a bill be Drawne to fix the same/

Ordered that m^r Ralph Izard Cap^t Tho Broughton m^r Dan Courtise m^r Ja Gilbertson and m^r Rob^t Stevens Doe wayte upon the uper house wth y^e above message/

The above messingers Reports to the house that they have Delivered the s^d message to the upper house and yt the upper House would Consider of itt, and Give their answer to this house/

m^r Speaker adjourned the house till 2 of the Clock in y^e afternoone/

In The afternoone The House mett according to adjournm^t/ Brought into this House By Capt James Moore and m^r John Berisford from the uper house Their answer to the message of this House to them this Day presented/ which ffolloweth in these words/ 1st, That I am willing to leave out the words fealty & to Putt it to be held in free and Common Soccage paying for the Same 1^d $\frac{1}{4}$ acre/

2^{dly}— That I never Intended other the y^e merchantable Comodities fitt for England that the Country is Capable of produceing

3^{dly}— That a part of all base mines be menconed in y^e Grants & Soe every one will have the Liberty of workeing in their owne lands, & so Suffer no Damage from others, $\frac{1}{4}$ vided they will worke them when found/

4^{thly}— That I never Gave any Encouragement to any to Expect Land at less than 6^d: $\frac{1}{4}$ acre and that my Instructions Relateing to the prise of Land related to English money or peices of Eight of 16^d= or 17^d: weight at 5^s. $\frac{1}{4}$ peice and a Late ord^r from the $\frac{1}{4}$ prs— doth Absolutely Express the same for they Casually Left it more at Large at first but Intended it as before Expressed/

A Bill for the Poore Read y^e first Time and past wth amendments/ Ordered yt m^r Gabrell Glaze cap^t Edmond Bellinger & Cap^t— George Raynor be a Committe to Consult and advise about y^e forme and maner of ffortifieing of Charles Towne, and the Charge thereof and Report the same to this house/

m^r Speaker by Consent of y^e members adjourned y^e house till 8 of the Clock to morrow morning

Thursday the 5th. March 1695/6

The house mett according to adjournment—

The Comitte appoynted to Consult and advise about the forme and maner of ffortifieing of Charles Towne and the Charge thereof and that by a nice Scruteny into the matter they Beleive will Cost one

Thousand pound at Least to make a Regular and Defencive ffortification at the End of the Broad Streete at the place Called Southells ffort—

Ordered That W^m— Smith Esq^r: cap^t: Tho Smith m^r Ja Gilbertson and m^r W^m— White Doe wayte upon the uper house & acquaint them that the Commons are Willing that such ffortification in Charles Towne be made as Shall be thought Convenient/ Butt first they Desire the matters in Difference about y^e Lands be settled and yt his hono^r the Governo^r— would Give them a satisfactory answear to their Objections to the forme of Conveyance offred this house/ The above Messengers Reports to the house that they have wayted upon the uper house wth: the above message and yt his honor the Governor acquainted them that he Could not blame, the house not to goe upon ffortifieing of Charles Towne till the Matters of Lands were settled

The house adjourned till 2 of y^e Clock in the afternoone/ Thursday in the after noone March ye 5th 1695/6/

The House mett according to adjournment/

Ordered that Capt Edmond Bellinger m^r James Stanyarne Capt Geo Dearsley m^r Daniell Courtise and m^r John Ladson doe wayte upon the upper house and acquaint them that it is the Resolution of this house not to accept of the Conveyance of Lands offred to them, wth the Clause paying the Rent in money or vallue in merchantable Comodityes fitt for England only and the $\frac{1}{4}$ viso clause of Base mines And yt they Debate wth his hono^r— y^e Governo^r— that he will accept of 20£: Currant money for one Thousand acres for Lands purchased as by his Instructions he is Impowred or if he Refuse y^e Same that he will accept of Some Small matter not Exceeding 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ Cent for takeing the Currant money in Leiu of peices of Eight of 16 & 17 penny weight/

The above Comitte Reports to the House that they have wayted upon the uper house and yt the Governo^r: acquainted them that he would take the Rent in merchantable Comodityes of this $\frac{1}{4}$ vince and in merchantable parcells fitt for Transportacon and that the $\frac{1}{4}$ viso (Provided they will worke them when found) Relateing to base mines, Shall be wholy Left out/

And allso y^t the Governo^r: Condesends to: Take Twenty pounds a Thousands Currant Money from all $\frac{1}{4}$ sons present Inhabitants of this $\frac{1}{4}$ vince for Lands purchased Reserveing Twelve Pence the hund^{rt} acres/

A Bill to ascertaine ye prises of Land the forme of Conveyance the manner of Recovering of Rents for Lands and ye prices of the severall Comodities the same may be paid in/
 Read the first time: and past wth amendments
 m^r Speaker by Consent of the members adjourn^d= the house till 8 of the Clock to morrow morning/

ffryday the 6th: March 1695/6

The house Mett according to adjournment/
 A Bill for apropriateing ye Publick money Raised and to be Raised for Building a fortification at Southells fort Comitted to Capt Edmond Bellinger m^r John Morton m^r Ralph Izard and m^r Wm— Smith—

Ordered that the Clerke Doe Ingrose the bill for an Imposition upon Skinns and ffurrs—

The House is ad Journed till 2 of the Clock in ye afternoone/

ffryday in the afternoone

The House Mett according to adjournment
 A Bill for Destroying Beasts of Prey &c/
 Read the Seccond Time and past wth amendm^{ts}—
 A Bill for ye Cutting severall creekes and watter Passages for the benefitt of the Inhabittants of this ^{Pro}vince Read the seccond Time and past wth amendm^{ts}/
 m^r Speaker adjourned the House till 8 of the Clock to morrow Morning

In the morning Saturday the 7th. of march 1695/6

The house mett according to adjournment/
 The Comitte for Prepareing a Bill for apropriateing the Publick money Raised and to be Raised for Building a ffortification at Southells ffort, brought the Same into this house/
 A Bill to apropriate The money Raised and to be Raised by an Imposition on Liquors— &c Imported into and Skinns and ffurrs Exported out of, this part of the province To a ffortification in Charles Towne/
 Read the first Time and past wth: amendm^{ts}/
 Ordrd— That Cap^t Edm^d Bellinger m^r Ralph Izard and m^r— John Morton Doe Draw up an humble address to the R^t: Hon^{ble}: the

Gouvern^r: for the Remission of one moyety of the arrears of Rents and present the Same to this house this afternoone/ ordered That Cap^t William Davis

cap^t: George Raynor

mr^r: William Canty

mr^r: Richard Baker

& Capt^t: Tho— Smith—

} have Liberty to Goe home and Returne to this house on Tuesday in the Morning—

The house adjourned till 2 of the Clock in y^e afternoone

Saturday

In The afternoone Tehe Hōuse mett according to adjournment ordered that a Bill for y^e Cutting of Several Creeks and watter passages for the benifitt of y^e Inhabittants of this \oplus vince, be Ingrossed by the Clerke/

A Bill for the Poore Read the Seccond time and past wth— amendments/

A Bill to prevent the Stealeing and Takeing away of Boats and Canoos/ Read the seecond Time and past wth amendments

A Bill for Registering of Births Burialls and mariages

Read y^e first Time and past wth amendm^{ts}

The Comitte for Drawing up an humble address to the the Hono^{ble} the Governo^r: for y^e Remission of Rents Presented the Same to this house/

ordrd: That mr^r James Stanyarne have Leave to goe home and Returne on wednsday next/

To y^e Rt Hon^{ble} Joh Archdale Esqr Cheife Governo^r: of the Province of Carolina And to the Hon^{ble} y^e Lords Prop^{rs} Deputyes/ The Humble Peticon of the Commons/

Yor Hon^{rs} haveing in yor Answer of y^e 6th of february 1695/6 been pleased to Signifie yor^r: Willingness to Remitt the arreates of Rent Due to Michale mas, 95/ on y^e Consideracons therein Exprest 1st The Just Paynt of the Lords^r Debts/

2^d— A Reasonable Provisson for the Towne Country and shipping 3^{dly}— And Effectually \oplus videing for ye Easey and Secure payment of the Lords Rents for the ffuture, ffor which ffavourable Declaracon of yo^r— Hono^{rs}— wee the Commons in Behalfe of our selves and the Country Doe Rend^r to yo^r hono^{rs}— our most humble & hearty Thankes and in order to yo^r: hono^{rs}— Proposialls aforesaid have preferred to y^e uper house Two bills, To witt, one bill Entitld an Act to appropriate the money Raised and to be Raised &c/ In which we hope yo^r hono^r: will perceive a Reasonable \oplus vision for

the Towne &c mentioned in the 2^d Proposition/ And one other bill Intitled an act for Ascertaineing the prizes of Lands &c In which allso we hope yo^r hono^{rs} will see that An Effectuall Provission is allso made for ye Easy and secure payments of the Lords Rents for the ffuture And in Regard of the Uncertaine & Imperfect acco^t— of the Arreares Due to the Lords Prop^{rs}— We humbly pray yo^r hono^{rs}: to Remitt to the People the one Moyety or halfe part of the said arreares of Rent, And yo^r— Pet^{rs}— shall Ever pray &c/ Ordrd: y^t Capt Edm^d Bellinger m^r John Morton Capt Tho— Broughton Capt James Young and m^r Henry Le Noble Doe present to the upper house the above petticon And that The Speaker Signe the same

m^r Speaker by Consent of ye mem^{brs}: Adjourned the House till 10 a Clock on Munday morning next/

Munday The 9th: March 1695/6/

The House Mett According to adjournmt—

Ordered that the Clerke Doe Ingrosse an Act for ye Poore/

The Speaker by Consent of the Members adjourned The House Till 2 a Clock in the afternoone/

Munday In the afternoone the House Mett according to adjournmt— ordrd— That Cap^t Job Howes m^r Ralph Izard m^r Daniell Courtise m^r: Henry Le noble and m^r James Gilbertson be a Comitte to take into Consideracon the List of ye Jury act and Report to the House who may be thought fitt to be added thereto and Struck out/ The House adjourned to 8 aClock to morrow Morning—

Tuesday in The Morning the 10th: March 1695/6

The House Mett according to adjournmt/

Resolved that any member that doe not attend the Service of this house halfe an hour after the Speaker and any nine members are mett in the house Shall be fined 2^s: 6^d/

The Question is Putt whether the Clause for Giveing the Governo^r— &c/ Power of Disposeing of the Publick money in Case of Eminent Danger Shall be wholy Struck out of the appropriateing act, or Quallified, Caryed that the Clause be Quallified/

A Bill to Appropriate ye money Raised & to be Raised by an Imposition upon Liquors &c/ Read the seccond time and past wth amendments/

Mr Speaker by Consent of the members adjourned the house till 3 aClock in y^e afternoone

Tuesday in y^e afternoone The House Mett according to adjournment/

A message from y^e upper House by Landgrave Jos Morton Cap^t James Moore and Cap^t William Hawett acquainting this house that the uper house Desires a Conferance wth: them upon the heads ffollowing/

1st— Abt: ascertaineing y^e prices of Comodityes in wch Rent may be paid and the place of payment in Each County/

2^d— Abt— y^e scheat of Lands for which no Rent Can be Recover^d:

3^{dly}— That a Clause may be made y^t all Deeds of Sale for parcels of Lands bought from any ~~Person~~ but Imediately from y^e Lords be registred sometime before the next rent Day shall be Registrd y^t so y^e Lords Receiver may not runn the hazard to und^rgo y^e forfeiture in y^e act ~~Provided~~ for makeing Distress where no Rent is Due

4th— And about y^e address for Remission of one moyety of arreares of Rent/

5^{thly}— And about the additionall act for wharfeing—

6^{thly}— And abt: the Commission^{rs} appoynted in y^e appropriateing act for to Joyne wth the Governor— and Councill to Dispose of publick money in Emergent occasion/

A message to y^e uppe house by m^r John Ladson m^r Daniell Curtise and Cap^t Tho Broughton to acquaint them that this house thinks 9 of the Clock in the morning a Convenient Time for y^e Conferrance if they please to agree to itt, And that the Commons Desires that the following matters may be Debated at y^e Conferance

7th: About y^e Explaineing y^e 2 yeares mentioned in y^e act for y^e better settlement of this ~~Province~~ and about purchase Lands therein mentioned/

The memb^{rs}— aforesaid Reports to this house that y^e uper house agrees to 9 a Clock in y^e morning to hold y^e Conferance and to Debate the Matters offered to them by this house/

Ordered y^t the Speaker and this house attend y^e uper house at the Conferrance to morrow morning and that any member Debate y^e matters at y^e s^d Conferrance

Mr— Speaker by Consent of y^e Members adjourned The House till 8 of y^e Clock tomorrow morning

Wednesday the 11th: March 1695/6/ In The Morning—

The House mett according to adjournment/

According to a foregoeing ord'r— The Speaker and this house
wayted upon the uper house for a Conferrance upon the heads
Desired yesterday/

ord'rd that mr Joseph Ellicott have the Leave of this house and mr
John Stanyard allso to be absent for three Days/
mr Speaker by Consent of the Members adjourned the house Till 2
aClock in the afternoone/

Wednesday in the afternoone the House Mett according to adjourn-
ment/

The House Resolved into a Comitte to Consider of the Matters De-
bated at this Conferrance this Day/ And Cap^t: Edm^d— Bellinger
Choosen Chaire man who Tooke ye Chaire Accordingly/

Mr Speaker Reasumed the Chaire And mr: Chairman Reports to
the house The Resolutions of ye Comitte as ffollowe's/

Resolved y^t ye Receiver of Rents have liberty to bring his action for
ye Lords Rent any time after ye Expiracon of Sixty Days from ye
Rent day

Resolved y^t ye 1st of X^{ber}— be the Generall Rent Day/

Resolved y^t 3 ^{ff}sons be Choosen and appoyned by Each house of
the Generall Assembly to vallue and Ascertain the Price of Como-
dityes and place of payment, in Which ye rents are to be paid Yearly
and Every yeare any time before the 20th— of 9^{ber}— untill the
Generll assembly for ye time being shall ^{ff}vide otherways/ And in
Case of Death to be Supplyed by the Choice of the Survivors of
Each Respective Partys/

Resolved y^t the house be Desired to move the Governo^r for two
yeares at Least for new settlers Rent free/ to be accounted from
ye Runing out of or Sitting down upon the Land/

Resolved y^t it be necessary y^t a Clause be ^{ff}vided to Explaine the
Reversion of Land before ye 20th: Day of June in the act for the
better settlm^t of this ^{ff}vince

Resolved y^t it is necessary y^t all Deeds of sale of Land from Ten-
nant to tennant made of any Land Granted and pattenred by the
Lords ^{ff}ps— or their Trustees shall be Registred wthin six months
after Ratification &c, And y^t all Deeds hereafter made to be Reg-
istred wthin 3 months after the Execution of Each Respective deed

Resolved y^t any 3 (or the Majority of any n^o— more of ye 8 men-

tioned for Disposall of mony on Emergent occacon) agreeing wth y^e Governor & Councill Shall be Sufficient

Resolved that this Comitte will not Enter on y^e Debate of Rents in arreare at this Time/ the house agrees to the above Resolutions/ ordrd— That the Clerke doe Ingrose the act to prevent y^e stealeing and takeing away of Boats and Canoos—

A Bill for the Registering Births mariages and Burialls Read the Second Time and past wth amendm^{ts}

A Bill to Revive the Severall acts wthin Mencon^d: Read y^e first Time and past wth amendm^{ts}

An Act for the Better ordering of Slaves Read y^e— Third Time and past into a Law/

ordrd— That the Clerke Ingrose the Bill for Appropriateing money Raised and to be Raised &c/

An Act for keeping and maintaineing a Watch and Good ord^r— in Charles Towne Read the Third Time and past into a Law

An act for The Poore Read the Third Time and past into a Law/

M^r: Speaker by Consent of y^e members adjourned the house till 8 a Clock tomorrow morning

Thursday The 12th march 1695/6 In y^e Morning

The House mett according to adjournment/

An Act for Regulateing Publick Houses and to ascertaine y^e— prices of Liquors Read the third Time and past into a Law

An Act for Destroying of unmarked Cattle Read the Third time and past into a Law/

An Act Inhibitting the tradeing wth: Servants and Slaves Read the Third Time and past into a Law/

An act for the Cutting of severall Creekes and watter passages for y^e— Benefitt of y^e: Inhabitants of this Province Read the Third Time and past into a Law/

here Enter y^e message from y^e uper house first and y^e message from this house next: over Leafe,

Resolved That an act Entituled an Act for the Determination of Generall Assemblys and for y^e Preventing of Inconveniencies happening by Long Intermission of Generall Assemblys be Repealed and made voyd/ And That a Clause be ~~pro~~vided in an act Intituled an Act to Ascertaine y^e Prices of Land y^e: forme of Conveyances & the manner of recovering y^e Rents for Lands & y^e Prices of the severall Comodities the same may be paid in &c, That no Assembly

shall Continue Longer then 2. yeares and y^t their be no Intermission of Assemblies above one yeaer/

That I may now putt a period to all matters y^t may obstruct the hopefull Proceedings of this Assembly, and to Cleare things so that our sincere Intentions may not be Eluded by any sinister meanes, I am willing to agree unto the ffollowing Earnest request of the Commons—That all pattent Lands registered or not Registered shall pay by new years Day 1697/ Three years Quitt rent for the full sattisfaccon of all arreares now Due to the Lords proprietors and to have Liberty betwixt this and y^t time to purchase the said Lands so in arrear at 20^f a 1000 acres & no more Except, I see reasonable Cause to sell them more/

And y^t all Lands Possest by any \mathbb{P} sons by their running out of y^e— Same and sitting downe thereon by warrants wthout Runing out Provided they have openly Declared by hindring others from settling thereon that So much Land they Lay claime to by Rights or otherwise/ I say in such Cases/

They shall pay Two years Rent only in full of all Claims of arrears from the Lords and be thereby Interested to purchase y^e. Same at 20^f a 100 acres Curent mony of Carolina, haveing y^e Same Liberty to buy the Same as they that have Grants And if any \mathbb{P} son have not money to purchase their Lands and pay their arreares, I shall be willing to take only y^e: y^e: purchase Money, and a note undr their hands for the arreares and thereby they will Runn no more in arreares for their said Lands/

This is the Substance of what I shall Concede unto which I am Ready imediately to Effect Except before it be Effect, I Receive Contrary ord^r or powers from the Lords/

That in y^e Clause of y^e abatement of y^e: arreares of Rent a Consideracon be Exprest somewhat after this maner/

That whereas by Reason of a misunderstanding betwixt the Lords at home and the people here which often happens by Reason of the Great Distance betwixt Each other whereby the people are run Considerably into arreares of Rent & by Reason of y^e present Low Estate of the people as allso because theire is an urgent occation for moneys Speedily to be Raised for fortification and watches &c/ which this present assembly hath Raised by an act Entitld/

An Act for Laying an Imposition upon Skinns and ffurrs for the Defence and Publick use of this Country—

and allso appropriated the same/

And allso because they have Consented to another act for the Easey

and Secure payment of all Quitt rents and acknowledgm^{ts}— that shall hereafter become Due, as to the Lords, I therefore for y^e Consideracon abovesaid Doe wth the advice & Consent of the Councill Agree that the arreares be abated as aforesaid and that it be Enacted/

ordered that Cap^t Job Hows Cap^t Edm^d: Bellinger m^r Daniell Curtise Cap^t W^m: Davis and m^r Robert Stevens Doe wayte upon the uper house and Desire the Governo^r: to Explaine to them the Message of the uper house Sent this house this morning/

The messengers to the uper house this day reports that the Governo^rs Intent is and Doe promise to Lett the present inhabittants purchase their pattent Lands and all other Lands possest for 20^f a 1000 acres Currant money and as much more as they will say and Declare they doe buy for their owne and Childrens use wthout an Intent to sell, And further that he will be oblidged by act y^t the Inhabittants or any new Comers shall purchase for Seaven yeares to Come at 25^f., a 1000 acres Currant money or at 20^f., in p^s of 8 of 16^d= w^t/

And that by the 2 yeares Rent Mentioned in y^e message for Lands unpatented is to be undrstood no more then one third part of the Rent Due to be paid/

And y^t any ~~Person~~ y^t is possessed of Lands unsurveyed shall pay the Rent of 50 acres, and no more wthout the partys Consent/

Ordrd— That Capt Job Hows m^r Daniell Curtise and m^r John Morton Doe wayte upon the uper house wth the above Report and Desire the Governor to acquaint this house whether the Same be according to his Intention/

m^r Speaker by Consent of y^e Memb^{rs}: Adjourned the house till 3 of y^e Clock in the afternoone/

Thursday In the afternoone The House Mett according to adjournment/

ordrd— that m^r James Gilbertson have the leave of this house for his absence this Session/

A Bill to ascertaine the prices of Lands &c Read the seccond time and past wth— amendm^{ts}—

A Bill for Remission of part of arrears of Rent and to ascertaine the payment of the Remainder Read the first time and past wth. amendments/

M^r: Speaker by Consent of the Memb^{rs}: adjourned the house till 8 of the Clock to Morrow morning/

ffryday the 13th March 1695/6 In the Morning
 The house Mett according to adjournment/
 an Act for Laying an Imposition upon skins &c/ Read the third
 Time and past into a Law
 An Act to prevent the Stealeing and takeing away of boats and
 Canoes Read Three Times and past into a Law/
 An Act to Prevent marriners and Seamen Runing into Debt/ Read
 Three Times and past into a Law—
 M^r: Speaker by Consent of the members adjourned The house till
 2 of the Clock in the afternoone—

ffryday in the afternoone The House mett according to adjourn-
 ment/

an Act to Appropriate the Moneys Raised and to be Raised by an
 Imposition upon Liquors &c Read the Third Time and past into a
 Law/

ordered that the Clerke doe Ingrosse the act to ascertaine the prices
 of Lands the forme of Conveyances the maner of Recovering of
 Rents for Lands &c./

ordered that the Messenger of this house Doe Give notice to Rob^t
 Gibbes Esq^r: high Sheriffe, y^t he doe attend this house wth: the
 wrift of Convention, Tomorrow morning at Eleaven a Clock/ and
 y^t m^r Speaker signe y^e same/

an act for Remission of part of arrears of Rent and to asartaine
 the payment of the Remainder, Ordered that the Clerke Doe Ingrose
 the Same/

Ordered that a Bill to Revive the severall acts wthin mentioned Be
 Ingrossed by the Clerke

And additionall Act to prevent the Seas further Incroachment upon
 the wharfe at Charles Towne/ Read the seccond time and past wth:
 Amendments/

Ordered y^t all the Indico which the Receiver hath in his hands on
 acco^t: of the publick be Delivered to Capt Edmond Bellinger to be
 transported in the Brigantine Blake for England And there to be
 Disposed of by him, And wth the produce thereof to buy Such neces-
 sarys as shall be thought Convenient for the Use of the Country
 according to the Directions of the R^t Honourable John Archdale
 Esq^r— Governo^r— and any fower more of the Commission^{rs} for
 Building the fort, and that this ord^r be sent to the uper house for
 their Concurrance/ And that m^r Speaker Signe the Same/
 ordrd— That Cap^t Edm^d Bellinger Cap^t John Clifford and W^m—

Smith Esqr: Doe wayte upon the uper house wth the above order/
 The above ord^r is assented to by the upper house and sign^d— \mathbb{P}
 or^{dr}: of the upper House by Charles Odingsells Dep^{ty} Secry
 M^r Speaker by Consent of the Members adjourned the house till
 tomorrow morning 9 a Clock

Saturday morning The 14th of March 1695/6/
 The House Mett according to adjournment — —
 March the 14th 1695/6

Ordered that M^r: Jonathan Amory Publick Receiver Doe pay to
 m^r: Sam: Williamson or m^r: John Tucker Twenty Shillings out
 of the Publick money in his hands it is for wages for Goeing to
 Discover what vessell that was to the Southward &c
 Signed by ord^r of the uper house Charles Odingsell Dep^{ty}— Sec-
 retary

March 14th 1695/6/

The above ord^r was Read to the Commons of the Assembly and by
 them assented to, ordrd: that the Clerke Signe y^e above ord^r/
 An Act for the Registering of Births Mariages and Burialls— Read
 the Third Time and past into A Law/

The House Adjourned to 2 a Clock in y^e afternoone

Saturday y^e 14th: March 1695/6 In the afternoone/
 The House Mett According to Adjournment
 Ordrd. That An Act for Destroying Beasts of prey &c Be Ingrossed
 by the Clerke/
 Ordered y^t m^r Jonathan Amory Doe putt in Sute y^e= Bonds Given
 by the Several Pylotts In Case they Doe not for the ffuture \mathbb{P} forme
 the Condiccons of the said Bonds And that they have fflower months
 to Repaire and make Tight the Lookeout, At Sullivans Island

ordrd. That The Speaker signe the above order and that the same
 be sent to the upper house for their Assent
 The Above ord^r is Assented to by the uper house
 and Signed by their ord^r \mathbb{P} Charles Odingsells
 Deputy Secretary

Robert Gibbes Esqr= Sheriffe attended this house According to An
 ord^r of this house yesterday, And upon a Demand made by this
 House for a Returne of y^e writt of Convention of all y^e Kings
 Leidge Subjects ffreemen of this part of this province to Appoyn

the Number of their Representatives for y^e: Generall Assembly he
Delivered a paper Indorsed as ffolloweth — — —

A Paper dd: me by m^r: Jonathan Amory for himselfe and
People for 30 Representatives &c/
The 19th: of December 1695/

And Signed, Robert Gibbes,/

Which paper Conteyns these words ffollowing

Carolina ss

Whereas wee y^e ffreemen of this province have been Summoned to
meete in Charles Towne to Agre and voate how many persons shall
Represent us the Comons in y^e Generall Assembly, According to
the Desire of the people in their Severall Addresses Petitions and
Remonstrances as their Right for the Redress of which Greiveances
Wee Rend^r unto yo^r: Honors— our most humble and hearty Thanks
and doe Voate for Thirty men to make Laws for y^e whole people
for the present, And for as many more as the Commons in Assembly
Shall from Time to Time Thinke Convenient/¹

ordrd That the Clerke of this House doe Enter the above Endorse-
ment & Returne und^r the Writt of Conventions in the beginning of
ye Journall of this Sessions of Assembly/

Ordrd— That Ann Additionall Act to Prevent the Seas ffurther
Enciochment upon the wharfe at Charles Towne be Ingrossed by
the Clerke

The House Adjourned to 9 a Clock Munday Morning Next

Monday the 16th: March 1695/6

The House Mett according to adjournm^t:

An Act to Ascertaine the prices of Land &c/
Read the third Time and past into A Law/
An Act for Remition of part of Arrears of Rent &c/
Read the third time and past into a Law/
The House Adjourned till one a Clock in y^e afternoone/

¹The original of this paper, or a contemporary copy thereof, is in the custody of the Historical Commission. About a hundred years ago, when several of the earliest manuscript volumes of journals of the Commons House were bound together and the whole repaged in continuous pagination, this paper was bound in between the last page for the session ending November 28, 1695, and the first page for the session beginning January 30, 1696, and was numbered as pages 101 and 102. In rebinding the manuscript volumes in 1907 this loose sheet was taken out.

March the 16th: in The afternoone/
 The House Mett according to adjournment/
 Munday ye 16th: 1695/6

Ordrd: That if any shipp Sloope or vessell Shall Come one mile to the westward of Sullivans Is^{ld}: before Information be Given to ye— Governo^r in Charles Towne or in his absence to some Justice of ye peace or Commission officer in ye said Towne, The Gunner is hereby Ordrd— to fire one Great Gunn or more at Such Vessell as he Shall thinke fitt Till ye s^d vessell is Brought to Stay or Anchor and She not Staying or Anchoring shall be Deemed as an Enimie and be proceeded against Accordingly And if any master or Comand^r of Any Vessell after notice of this ordinance, Given him by the Pylott Shall offend Contrary to the Same Such master or Commander Shall Suffer Such Imprisonment as ye: Governor for the time being Shall Thinke fitt or pay Thirteene Shilling and fower pence for Every Gunn ffired To Cap^t William Smith And he to be Accountable for the Same to the Generall Assembly—

ordrd that the Speaker Signe the above ord^r and that it be Sent to the upper House for their Concurrence

The above ord^r is Ascented to by ye— }
 Upper House and Signed }
 their ord^r by Charles Odingsells }
 Deputy Seccretary—

An Act to Continue and Revive the Several acts wthin Mentioned
 Read the third Time and past into a Law/

An Additionall act to prevent the seas ffurther Encroachment upon the wharfe at Charles Towne/ Read the third Time & past into a Law

An Act for Destroying beasts of Prey And for Appoynting magistrates for ye heareing and Determineing of all Causes & Controversies between white man and Indjan and Indian and Indjan/
 Read the Third Time and past into a Law

The Question is putt whether a Clause May be added to Secure to the Tenant all Damages in Case of opening of Royall Mines by the prop^{rs}— or patentees, And an Exception in pattentees of all Mines to the prop^{rs}: Sixty Miles Distant from Charles Towne/ Caryed in The Negative/

Ordrd— that m^r Speaker Present ye ffollowing acts To the Uper house for their Ratification

(1) An Act to Regulate Publick Houses and to Ascertaine the prices of Liquors/

(2) An Act for Keeping and Maintaineing a watch and Good
ord^{rs}— In Charles Towne/

(3) An Act ffor y^e: Poore—

(4) An Act to Ascertaine the prices of Land y^e forme of Convey-
ances & the Maner of Recovering of Rents for Lands and the prices
of the Severall Comodityes The Same may be paid in/

(5) An Act for Remission of part of Arrears of Rent And to
Ascertaine The payment of the Remainder/

(6) An Act for Registering of Births mariages & Burialls/

(7) An Act to Continue and Revive the Severall Acts wthin men-
conced

(8) An Additionall Act to Prevent y^e Seas ffarther Encroachment
upon the wharfe at Charles Towne/

(9) An Act for Laying an Imposition Upon Skinns and ffurrs for
y^e Publick Use of this Country/

(10) An Act to Appropriate y^e money Raised and to be Raised by
an Imposition upon Liquors &c Imported into and Skinns & ffurrs
Exported out of this part of the ~~Pro~~vince To a ffortification in Charles
Towne—

(11) An Act for the Better ordering of Slaves/

(12) An Act Inhibiting the Tradeing wth Servants and Slaves

(13) An Act for Cutting Severall Creeks and watter Passages for
the Benifitt of the Inhabittants of this Province/

(14) An Act to Prevent Marrin^{rs}— and Seamen Running into Debt

(15) An Act for Distrorying of Unmarked Cattle—

(16) An Act to prevent y^e: Stealing and Takeing away of Boates
& Canoos,

(17) An Act for Distrorying beasts of prey And for Appoynting of
Magistrates for the heareing and Determineing of all Causes &
Controversies betweene white man & Indjan & Indjan & Indjan
The above 17 Acts of Assembly were Ratified In open assembly by
the R^t: Hon^{ble}: John Archdale Esqr: Governor & Cap^t Generall
and The Hon^{ble}: The Lords ~~Pro~~rs: Deputyes/ This 16th: Day of
March 1695/6/
by Consent of the Members The Speaker Adjourned the house till
7 a Clock to Morrow morning/

Tuesday the 17th: march In The Morning—

The House Mett according to Adjournment/

May it Please yo^r Hon^{rs}/

The Commons Believeing that it is necessary an officer be Appoyneted

for the Measureing of fflatt and Cube worke betweene buyer and Seller, and workemen and their Employers, for the prevention of Strife and Differances Thereabout Doe Recomend to yo^r Hono^r as a fit person for y^e Same m^r David Maybanke of this Province Carpenter/

ordrd—/ That M^r: Speaker Signe the Above Recomendations of the house

Ordered That the Publick Treasurer pay out of the Publick Money to Thomas Rose Clerke of the Assembly for his Extrordinary Cost in Pen Juke paper and \mathbb{P} sonall Attendance, ffor and upon the Publick Dureing ffourteene Months past the Sume of fifteene Pounds and that this ord^r be Sent to the uper house for their Ascent

ordrd: That the Speaker Signe the above ord^r

The Above ord^r is asented to by the upper

House & Signed by ord^r Thom^s Cary Secr^t:/

Ordered y^t the Publick Treasurer Pay out of the Publick Money to ffrancis ffdling messenger of the Assembly for his House Roome ffire Candle and personall Attendance for and upon the publick Dureing ffowerteene months past The Sume of Seaven Pounds and Tenn Shillings (and y^t this ord^r be Sent to the uper House for Their Assent/ ordrd that The Speaker Signe the Same,

The above ord^r is Assented to
by the upper house and Signed }
 \mathbb{P} ord^r— Thom^s Cary Secry }

March the 17th 1695/6

Ordered that Ralph Izard Esq^r— m^r John Ladson and m^r Daniell Courtise be Appoynted to Joyne wth Three persons Nominated by the Governo^r and Councill to putt A Certaine price upon the Severall Commodityes in which Rent may be paid, And Appoynting a place of payment in Each County

And y^t M^r: Speaker Signe the s^d ord^r/

Ordered y^t Thomas Rose Clerke doe Enter y^e foule Journall of this Assembly into a ffaire Booke And y^t he keepe the acts of Assembly Safe and doe not part wth them to Any \mathbb{P} son (whatsoever). out of his owne Custody And y^t any member of Assembly may have Coppies of all or Any acts of Assembly by himselfe or any he shall appoynt wthout ffee, so he or they doe y^e Same at the Clerks house/

Ordered That Capt^t William Smith Guner doe Mount upon Caryages y^e Remaining Great Gunns which he is Oblidged to Mount by an Act Entitiled an act for Raiseing a Publick Store of powder for the Defense of this \mathbb{P} vince And that the s^d Gunns be placed at the

End of the Streete nere m^r: Richard Tradds Till Another place and
a plattforme be Appoynted and Made for them/ and that this ord^r
be Sent to the Uper house for Their Concurrence/
Ordrd: that M^r: Speaker Signe the s^d ord^r/

The Humble address and Recognition of the Commons assembled To the R^t Hon^{ble} The True and absolute Lords and ~~Wthrs~~: of the Province of Carolina and To the R^t Hon^{ble} John Archdale Esq^r: Gen^{rl} Admirall and Gover^r of the Same — —

R^t Honorable

WEE the Representatives of the ffreemen of that part of yo^r Province
which Lyes South and west of Cape feare Profoundly Sencible of
y^r— Most Gratious Intimations Considerations and ffavours in Com-
missionateing and Investing the R^t Hon^{ble} John Archdale Esq^r
Governo^r— &c, with Such Large and ample powers for the Encour-
agement and in ffavour of us the Inhabittants of yo^r Collony, And
Soe Highly Necessary Conduceing to the better peopleing Settling
and Safety Thereof, Doe Most Humbly Recognize and Sincerely and
Cordially Thanke yo^r— Hon^{rs}— for the Late Acts of Grants Re-
mission of Arrears of Rent The undenieble Mānifestation of yo^r
Hon^{rs}— Paternall Care of us Living in this yo^r— Collony—
And we the Commons now Assembled no Less Sensible of the pru-
dent Industreous and Indifaticable Care & management of y^e said
Power by the R^t Hon^{ble} John Archdale Esq^r— &c, Doe in Most
Humble Maner acknowledge the Same. And y^t we Doubt not, but
that the frutes thereof will be the peace well ffare Tran: Quillity
Plenty Prosperity and Safety of this Collony & y^e People Therein,
The Act of Grace which you have soe Seasonably Condescended to.
have Recovered all former Doubts Jealousies & Discouragements of
us the people, And hath Laid a firme sure (and we doubt not butt)
a Lasting basis, upon which may and will be Erected a Most Glo-
rious Super Structure to the Eternall Hon^r— of The Lord^s ~~Wth pr^s~~
and yo^r— our Governo^r— All which we doe and for Ever Shall be
obliged most Heartily and Gratefully to Acknowledge as y^e Pro-
duction of the wisdome Discretion Patience and Labour of y^e
Hon^{ble}= John Archdale Esq^r— Gen^{rl} Admirall and Governo^r—
of this Province, off whome we The Commons Request to Returne
This our Recognition of Thanks to their Lordshipps And we Shall
Ever Pray &c,

Ordrd That The Speaker Signe the above address of
Humble Thanks—

Mr Speaker by Consent of y^e Membr adjourned The House Till The Seccnd Tuesday in Septemb^r Next



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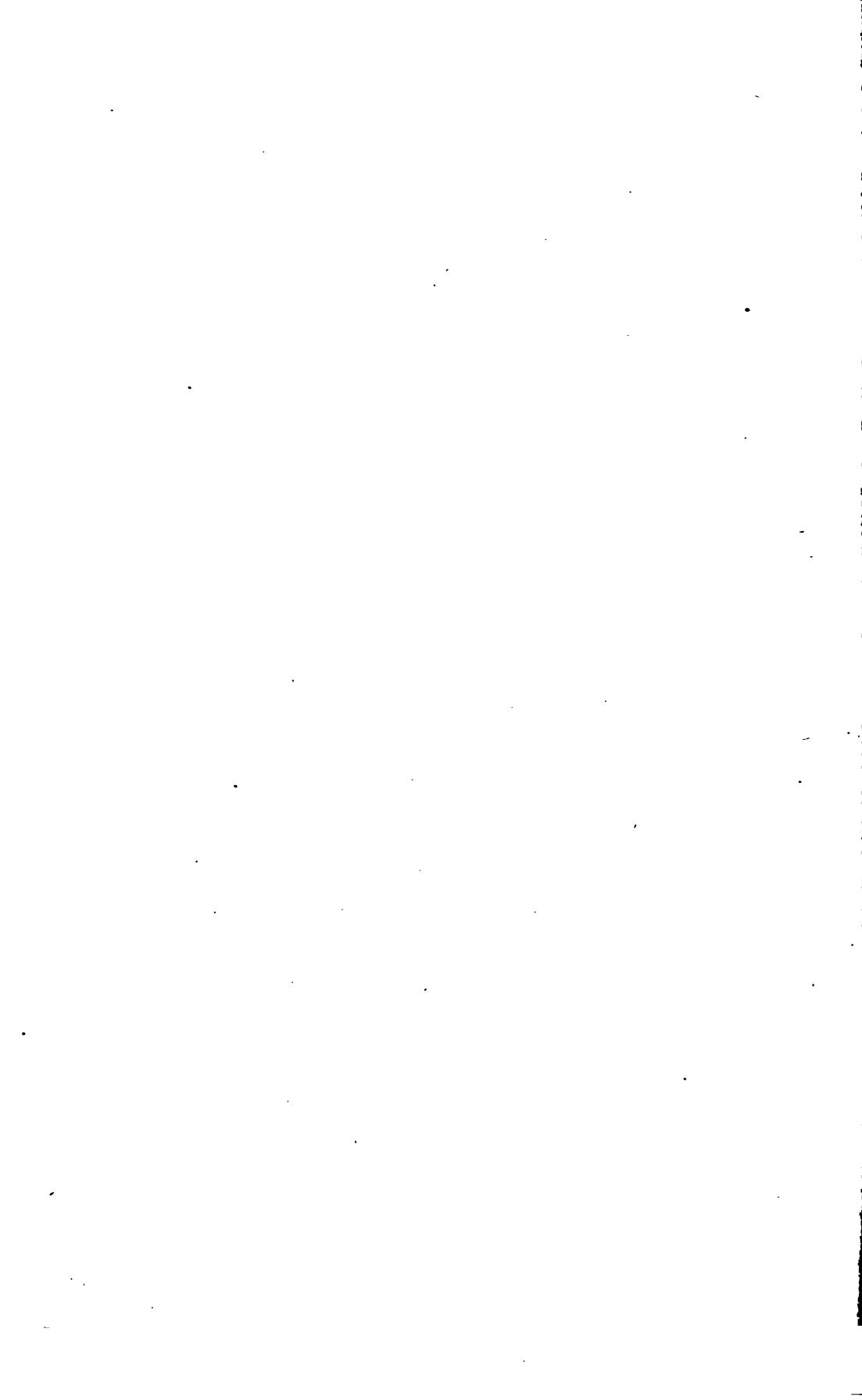
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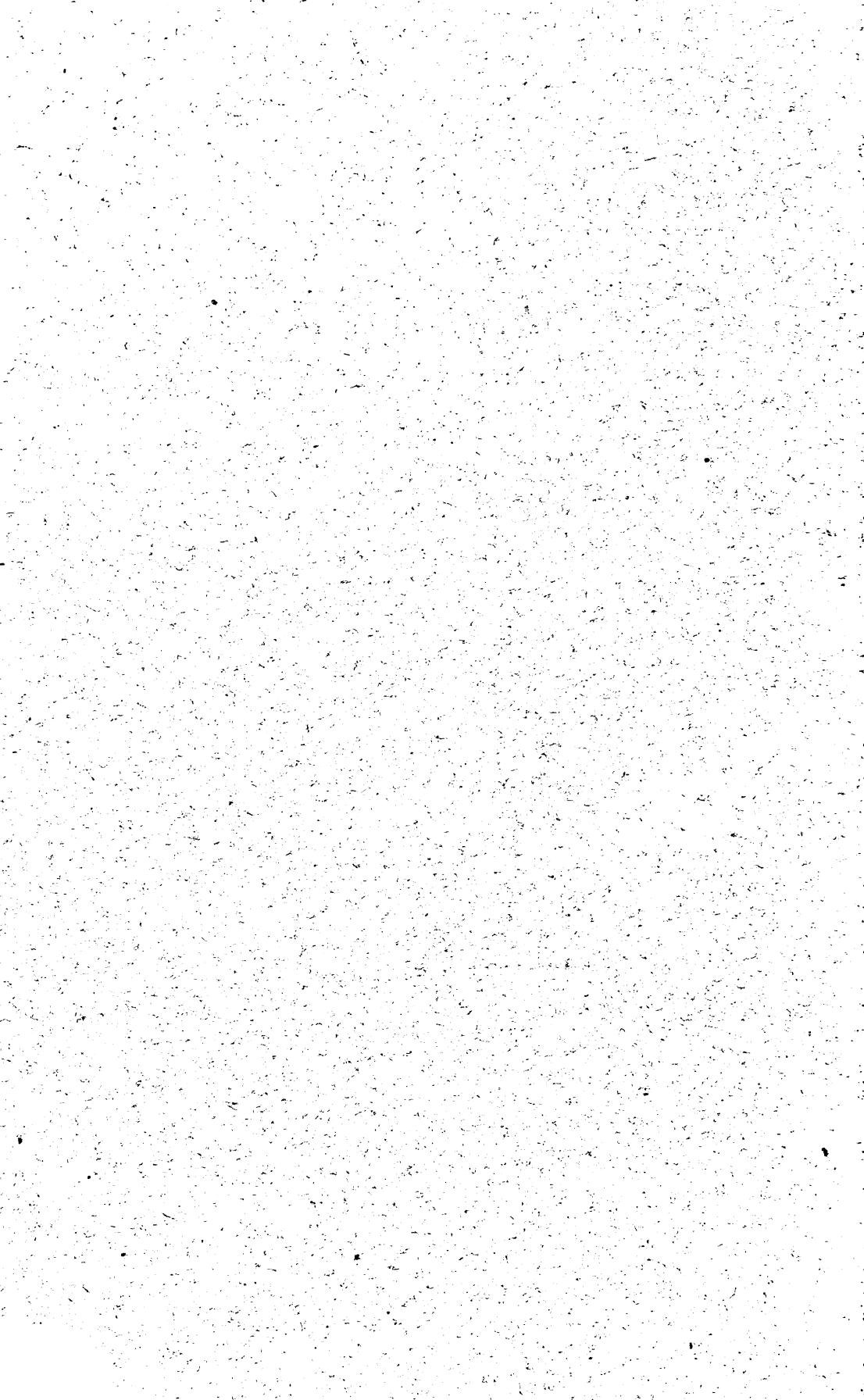
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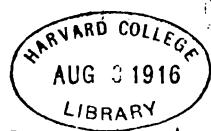
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By the Governo^r— and Councill

A Proclamation/

Whereas Divers weighty matters have been Transacted in the Generall Assembly at their Last Session of which the True and absolute Lords and prop^{rs}— have not yett had any notice soe y^t we Know not how the same will be Resented and approved of by them Though we have no Reason to Doubt of their Gratiouse and Ready Concurrence wth Every thing which shall be Done (wth their Hono^rs— for The Good and welfare of the Inhabittants of this their Collony, yett not willing to Engage our Selves ffurther in any Greate and arduous matters wth-out the advice of the Lords ~~pp~~rs in our ffurther ~~pp~~gress which we Expect at large as soone as the Lords have Received advice of what hath been Already Done,

Therefore for the aforesaid Reasons and other Reasons us thereunto Moveing, wee Thinke fitt, and itt is our will and pleasure That the Generall Assembly which was adjourned to the Second Tuesday in September next and all Bills, Mattr^s— and things therein Depend- ing Bee Prorogued to the Twenty fowerth Day of November Next And the Gener^{ll} Assembly is hereby Prorogued Accordingly, of which all ~~pp~~sons Concerned are to Take notice. Given at The Councill Chamber at Charles Towne The 28th— Day of August 1696 and Signed by ord^r— of Councill/

Ja Moore Secretary

Tuesday The 24th: November 1696,
The House Mett According to Prorogation

M^r Speaker Adjourned the House by Consent
of the Memb^{rs} Prsent Till Eight of y^e Clock to
Morrow Morning

Wednesday The 25th: November in The morning The House Mett
According to Adjournment,

Present	Present
M ^r : Speaker	Capt James Young
m ^r : Ralph Izard	Capt, W ^m — Brockhus
Capt Job: Hows .	m ^r ,, John Stanyarne,
Capt W ^m — Davis	m ^r ,, Daniell Courtise
Capt: Georg Raynor	m ^r ,, Gabrill Glaze
m ^r : Robert Stevens	m ^r ,, Joseph Ellicott
m ^r : John Ladson	
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m ^r : Richard Baker	
m ^r ,, James Stanyarne	
m ^r ,, James Witter	
m ^r ,, W ^m — White—	

A Message from The upper house by James Moore and William Hawett Esq^{rs}: To Acquaint this house That y^e Upper House Desires this House to wayte upon Them as Soone as they Could Conveniently/

Ordrd— That m^r Speaker and This house Do wayte upon The Upper House according to the s^d Message,
The House Returned And m^r Speaker Reports to the House that The R^t Honoble— The Governo^r Minded this house in his Speech of the Greate abuse in Clipping and Defaceing the Currant Money of this \mathbb{P} vince and that The same may be prevented
2^{dly} That Some Care may be Taken The South Channell be not Lost,
3^{dly} That masters of Vessells may be Encouraged, by Preventing the Runing away of their Seamen, and punishing, those that Enterteyne them
4^{thly} That Abuses by ffalse weights and Measures be Prevented
5^{ly} That Some Emediate Care be Taken for fortifieing,
Resolved that A Bill be Brought in for The preventing—
1 Abuses in Clipping and Defaceing y^e Currant money of this \mathbb{P} vince—

Resolved That A Bill be brought in ffor Incourageing The
 2 Useing And Bringing of Vessells in at the South Chanell of this
 Harbour

Resolved That a Bill be Brought in to prevent, Seamen
 3 from Absenting themselves, from the Service of their Respective
 Masters or Command^{rs}, And for punishing Them And all other
~~sons~~ That Shall Enterteyne Them in Towne or Country

4 Resolved That A Bill be Brought in to prevent Abuses by false
 Weights and Measures/

Ordered That Mr Speaker Cap^t Hob Hows Cap^t Georg Raynor &
 m^r William Smith be A Committe, To Joyne wth A Committe of
 The Upper House, to Survey, and Consider, whether There be not A
 more Convenient, place or, places, ffor ffortifieing in Charles Towne
 Then The place Appoyned by Act of Assembly, And make Their
 Report Thereof to this House,

A Bill for Preventing y^e Abuses in Clipping and Defaceing the Cur-
 rant money of this Province, Committed to m^r William Smith &
 Cap^t James Young to be prepared and brought into the House to
 morrow,, morning

A Bill for Encourageing the Useing and Bringing of Vessells in
 at the South Channell of this Harbour, Committed to Capt George
 Raynor & M^r: James Witter, to be prepared and brought into this
 House to Morrow Morning

A Bill To Prevent Seamen from Absenting Themselves from the
 Service of their Respective Masters or Command^{rs} And for punishing
 Them and all others ~~sons~~ That Shall Enterteyne Them in
 Towne or Country, Committed to m^r Daniell Courtise & m^r Joseph
 Ellicott to be prepared and Brought into this House To morrow
 morning

A Bill to prevent abuses by ffalse weights and Measures, Comitted
 to m^r Ralph Izard and m^r Robert Stevens to be prepared and
 brought into this House to Morrow Morneing—

A Bill for The makeing and Mending High ways and paths and
 for Cutting of Creekes and watter Courses Committed to Cap^t Job
 How, to be prepared and brought into this House/

A Bill to Revive An Act for the Settling and Regulateing of The
 Millitia, Committed to Cap^t William Davis and Cap^t Thomas Smith
 To be prepared and brought into this House, to morrow morning

A Bill for ye Raiseing a Publick Store of powder for the Defence and Publick Use of this province, Committed to m^r John Ladson m^r James Stanyarne & m^r John Stanyarne To be prepared and brought into this house to Morrow Morning

M^r Speaker By Consent of the memb^{rs} adjourned The House Till Eight of the Clock to morrow Morning—

Thursday the 26th: November in The Morning
The House Mett according to Adjournment,

The Comitte Appoyned to Joyne wth a Committe of the Upper House to Survey and Consider whether there be not A more Convenient place or places for fortifieing in Charles Towne, Then the place appoyned by act of Assembly Reports to the House That they wth: a Committe of ye Upper House Did Survey and have Considered of the most Convenient place And it was ye oppinion of the Majo^r part of the Committe, That the poynt of Sand to the northward of the Creeke Commonly Called Collins his Creeke, is the Most Convenient place for fortifieing/

Ordrd: That The Consideration of the above Report be debated in this House to Morrow Morning, And that in the Meane time The Comitte of this House Doe make Search whether ffresh watter Can be had in the poynt of Land aforesaid And Report The Same to this House to Morrow Morning/

An Act to Make Currant Establish and Settle The weight of fforraigne Coyne Read The first Time and past wth Amendments,

The House Adjourned Till 2 of the Clock in ye after noone/

In The after noone The House Mett According to adjournment/

ordrd: That Cap^t Thomas Smith one of The Members of this House Doe Attend the Service of ye Same Imedjately according to the foregoeing ord^r Cap^t Thomas Smith Attended this House and Informed this House That he was one of the Landgraves of this ~~Pro~~vince and that he was Called to the Service of the up^r-House by the ffollowing Writt/

William Earle of Craven Pallatine and the Rest of The true and absolute Lords and ~~Pro~~pr^{rs} of the ~~Pro~~vince of Carolina—

To Landgrave Thomas Smith/

Whereas by our proclamation Dated the 28th Day of August 1696/ we have thought fitt to prorogue the Generall Assembly To the Twenty fowerth Day of November Instant Then to meete at the House of m^r ffras^s ffdling in Charles Towne to Consult about Arduous and Urgent Buissness Concerning us and the State and Defence of our province we therefore Require you The s^d Thomas Smith as you Tend^r uss our Hono^rs. The Safety and Defence, of our province, aforesaid and the Dispatch of the weighty affaires thereof you Neglect not for any Reason what Soever at the place and Day aforesaid to meete us & other the Nobillity to Consult and Advise and Consent to the afores^d Matters and the Makeing of Such Laws as Shall be Thought Reasonable, Dated at Charles Towne The 4th Day of Novem^{br}— 1696/ Witness/

Joseph Blake—	⊕
Joseph Morton	⊕
James Moore—	⊕
Tho Cary	⊕
William Hawett	⊕
John Beresford	⊕

An Act for The Settling of Pylotage,

Read the first Time and past wth Amendments

M^r: Speaker by Consent of the memb^{rs}— adjourned The House to 8 of the Clock tomorrow,

ffryday in The Morning y^e 27th: Novemb^r— 1696

The House Mett according to Adjournment,

The Comitte appoynted by this House To make Search whether any fresh watter Could be found on the poynt of Sand ffor ffortifieing, Reports to the House that they have made Search on the s^d poynt, and by what Search they had made There, They did not finde ffresh watter/

Resolved That the fortification be built on the poynt of Sand aforesaid,

An Additionall Bill for ffortifieing in Charles Towne Comitted to m^r Ralph Izard M^r: Rob^t Steven and m^r Dan Courtise To be prepared and Brought into this House To morrow morn^g

A Bill for Supplying the Deaths or Vacansey of any memb^r— of this House Committed to Cap^t Job Hows to be prepared and Brought into this House on munday Morning next/

Ordrd— That the Messenger of this House Doe Give Notice to m^r— Lenard White Marrin^r—that he Doe attend this House presently/ A Bill to Revive an Act for the Better Settling and Regulateing of the Millitia Read the first Time & past wth. Amendm^{ts}:

M^r Speaker by Consent Adjourned The House Till 2 of y^e Clock in The afternoone/

In The afternoone the House Meet according to Adjournm^t—

M^r— Speaker by Consent adjourned y^e: House Till Eight of the Clock to morrow morning/

ffriday¹ In The Morning the 28th: of Novemb^r: 1696

The House Mett According to Adjournment,

An Act to make Currant fforreigne Coyne and to Establish the weight thereof &c/ Read the Seccond Time and past

The Question is putt whether the Inhabittants of Charles Towne Shall mend y^e High ways so ffarr as Turkey Creeke, Caryed that they doe mend the High ways Soe ffar as the s^d Creeke, Ordered y^t The Messenger of this House Do Take into his Custody James Williams Esqr: m^r James Gilbertson majo^r— Thomas Broughton and m^r— John Hamilton Members of this house for not Attending the Service of the same/

ordrd That The Speaker Signe The above ord^r/

ordered that m^r Daniell Courtise have Leave to Goe Home Home upon Urgent occasion/

A Bill to Prevent the Ingroseing of Salt Committed to m^r John Morton/

ordered That a Debate about the Act for packing of Beefe and porke &c, be Defered till munday next in y^e— afternoone/

M^r— Speaker by Consent of the Memb^{rs}— adjourned the House Till Munday next one of the Clock in y^e after noone/

Munday in The Afternoone.

November the 30th: The House Mett According to adjournm^t

ordrd— That the Clerke Doe Ingross An Act to Make Currant

¹Should have been Saturday.

fforreigne Coyne and to Establish and Settle The weight Thereof &c/

An Additionall Act to prevent Marrin^{rs} and Seamen Runing into Debt Read the first Time and past with Amendments/

An Act for the Raiseing of a Publick Store of powder for y^e defence of this province Read the first Time and past wth: amendm^{ts}—

An Act for Mending high Ways and paths and for Cutting of Creeks and watter Courses Read the first Time and past wth— Amendments/

M^r Speaker by Consent of the Memb^{rs}: Adjourned the House till to morrow morning 8 of the Clock/

Tuesday In The Morning y^e: first day of December 1696/

The House Mett according to adjournment/

Upon Heareing The Excuse of Doct^r: James Williams and m^r Ja Gilbertson for Absenting themselves from the Service of this House, ordrd— That the s^d Doct^r: James Williams and m^r Ja Gilbertson be Discharged without paying any ffees/

An Act to Settle The forme of Conveyance of pattent Lands purchased or to be purchased Read The first Time and past wth: Amendm^{ts}

An Act To Supply The Roome of Members Deceased and other Incapable of Attending the Service of the House/ Resolved That the s^d Bill be Rejected/

M^r: Speaker by Consent of the Memb^{rs}— adjourn^d— The House Till Two of y^e. Clock in The afternoone

Munday¹ in The afternoone

The House Mett according to Adjournment/

The Question is putt whether there Shall be Two packers for The packing of beefe and Porke, or one/ Caryed for Two Packers/

An Act for the Incouragement of the better Settlement of South Carolina Read the first Time and past wth: amendments

The Question is putt whether this house Shall Address the Rt Honoble— the Lords prop^{rs}—That the List of Jurours Shall be in Panells/ Caryed for addressing the Lords/

¹Should have been Tuesday.

Ordrd— That Capt^t: Job Hows m^r: Rob^t Stevens and m^r John Morton be a Committe to Draw up an Address to the R^t Hon^{ble}— the Lords Prop^{rs}— Concerning the pannells of Jurys/

Ordrd— That Tomorrow in The afternoone The Lists of Jury Men be Debated/

Ordered That this House Debate tomorrow Morning The act for the Raiseing a Publick Store of powder for the Defence of this ^{Pro}vince/

The Question is putt whether The Exporters of Liquors^r: Sh^{ll} have all, or halfe The Draw back/

Caryed That the Exportors have butt halfe y^e Draw Back/

by Consent of the Memb^{rs} m^r Speaker adjourn^d=
The House Till Tomorrow Morning/

Wednesday in The Morning the 2^d: of Decemb^r: 1696/

The House mett According to Adjournment,

An Act for makeing and mending Highways and paths and for Cutting of Creekes and watter Courses Read The Seccond Time and past/

An Act for Building a Ffortification at Charles Towne Read The first Time and past wth: Amendments

ordrd: That An Act for the Makeing and mending of High ways and paths and for Cutting of Creekes and watter Courses be Ingrosed by The Clerke,

M^r: Samuell Hartley Being Examined by this House Declared to the house That m^r: William Bradly Pylott agreed wth: Capt Michale Cole for a percell of Beere And that the said Bradley Told him he also Agreed wth: the s^d Cole for a ^{Pro}cell of wine, which agreement was made on Board The s^d Coles Shipp Neare Sullivans Island wthin Three Houres, or thereabouts after her Coming over the Barr

M^r James Stanyarne being Likewise Examined saith that he was on board the s^d Coles Shipp at the same time m^r Samuell Hartley was, and heard, s^d Bradley and Cap^t Cole Chafering about wine and beare, and also heard The s^d Cole Say, that he had Sold his Beare and wine to the s^d Bradly/

M^r: Thomas Howard being also Examined, Saith that he was on board The s^d Coles Vessell at The same Time m^r: Samuel Hartley and m^r James Stanyarne was; And heard m^r Bradley Say on Board said Vessell he had bought beare and wine of said Cole/

Ordrd— That M^r Jonathan Amory Doe ~~pro~~secute m^r William Bradley Upon The act for The Entry of Vessells for Dealeing wth: Cap^t Michale Cole Contrary to the s^d Act

The Question is putt whether a peice of Ground Convenient to be added to the Church yard in Charles Towne Shall be Purchased out of The Publick money or nott/

Caryed That it Shall be purchased out of the Publick Money ordrd/ That m^r James Witter have Leave from this House to go home upon urgent occations and Attend the Service of This house on Munday next/

An Act for Settling of Pylotage Read y^e seccond Time and past

The House adjourned Till Two of the Clock in The afternoone/

In The Afternoone The House Mett according to Adjournment/

Upon Heareing the Excuse of Major— Thomas Broughton for Absenting himselfe from the Service of this house/ It is ordrd— That The s^d Major Tho Broughton be Excused wthout paying any Ffees/

An Act to Continue the acts wthin mentioned Read the first Time and past wth. amendments

An Act for The Encouragement of the Better Setlem^t in South Carolina Read y^e Seccond time and past/

ordrd: that an Act for Settling of Pylotage be Ingrossed by The Clerke/

ordrd: that m^r John Ladson have leave from this house to Go Home being sick and to attend the service of the House on Ffriday next,

To The R^t Hon^{ble}: Joseph Blake one of the prop^{rs}— & Governo^r of the province of Carolina And to the Hon^{ble} The Rest of The Members of the upper house/

The Humble Address of the Comons Assembled/

Whereas yo^r: Hon^{rs}— did yesterday Returne a bill for Raiseing a Publick Store of Powder and Desired y^t the same might be suspended till the Expiration thereof, and Till The next sessions ffollowing, we being very Apprehencive of an Invasion, and by Due Information Sencible of the Small Quantity of powder in Store, Doe Humbly Thinke it our bounden Duty to make ~~pro~~vision for Raiseing the Same, Sufficient for the Defence of the, Country, and haveing Duly Considered y^e s^d Act Doe find y^t in Two years after the Rati-

fication thereof The powder Receiv^r: is bound to Deliver Two Carrells of Powder and other Things in The s^d Act specified to Such ~~Person~~ or ~~Persons~~ as by The Generall Assembly Shall be Appoynted to Receive the Same, In Consideration of the above Reasons, wee Conceive The Suspension of the s^d Act will Expose the Countrey to Eminent Danger and Therefore humbly yo^r Hono^{rs}— to Joyne wth: us in The Continuation of the Same/

ordrd: That The Speaker Signe the above Address/

ordrd. That m^r: William Brockhurst have Leave from this house to Goe home, being Sick and not to Returne againe this Sessions/

M^r Speaker by Consent of the Members Adjourned
The House Till To morrow Eight a Clock in the
Morning/

Thursday The third of December in the Morning/
The House mett According to adjournm^t;

M^r Speaker and Gent^m—

Wee Haveing Considered your Address sent to us Last night about the powder Bill Doe Desire that you would Lett the bill Alone Til yo^r next Meeting according to the Limetation of the now Act, or Else that you would Take the office Immediately into yo^r Hands and allow the present Receiver Some Consideration for the Time to Come in the said office. He Delivering up The Two Barrells of powder, and other things as by the s^d act is Req^{ed}—

Decemb^r: 3^d 1696/

Joseph Blake—

Ordered That m^r James Stanyarne a Member of this House have Leave to Goe Home, upon urgent occations,/

An Act to Revive an Act for The Better Settling and Regulateing of the Millitia, Read the second Time and past—

An Act for Building a ffortification at Charles Towne Read the Second Time and past—

An Act to Prevent Abuses by false-weights and measures and to Appoynt A Sworne Measurer Read the ffirrst Time and past with Amendments/

Ordered That An Act for the Encouragement of the Better Settlem^t of South Carolina be Ingrossed/

Ordered That m^r: Robert Stevens William Smith Esqr m^r Joseph Ellicott and Capt^t George Rayno^r be A Committe, to Enquire and Inspect whether Capt^t William Smith Powder Receiver have now Ready Powder and all other Things he is oblidged to have Ready

by an Act Entituled an Act for Raiseing of a Publick Store of Powder for the Defence of this \mathbb{P} vince and make their Report to this House in the afternoone/

Mr. Speaker by Consent of the Members Adjourned The House till Two of the Clock this afternoone/

Thursday 3^d December In the Afternoone,

The House Mett According to Adjournment—

The Committe to Enq^r whether Cap^t William Smith powder Receiver have now Ready powder and all other Things he is oblidged to Have Ready by an Act Entituled an Act for Raiseing a Publick Store of powd^r for the Defence of this \mathbb{P} vince, Reports that he had a Barrell and halfe of Powder and fflower Cartheridges of powder, 2 Wormes Six fformers and one Ladle and no More/

Ordered that an Act for Building a ffortification at Charles Towne be Ingrossed/

An Act To Continue the Acts wthin Mentioned Read The seccond Time and past/ ordered That the s^d act be Ingrossed/ The Question is putt whether the Question That the powder Receivers Bond shall be Sued or nott. Caryed in The Negative/ Ordrd: That Cap^t William Smith Powder Receiver doe forthwth: Gitt in Readiness Two Barrells of powder in Carthredges and also Spunges Wormes Ladles and all Things necessary and Convenient as by an Act of Assembly Entituled an Act for Raiseing a Publick Store of Powder for The Defence of this \mathbb{P} vince he is oblidged/

Mr. Speaker by Consent of the Members adjourned The House till To Morrow Morning Eight of the Clock/

ffryday the 4th: December In The Morning

The House mett According to Adjournment/

An Act to Prevent abuses by ffalse weights and measures and to Appoyn a Sworne Measurer Read the second Time and past/ It is further ordered That Cap^t William Smith powder Receiver doe within Twelve Days provide The perticulars und^rneath which this Assembly Beleives are necessary for the Great Gunns. And that by act in the foregoeing ord^r Mentioned he is oblidged allways to have Ready And in Case the s^d Powder Receiver or neglect the same in the said time, The R^t Hono^{ble} The Governo^r is Requested to

Impower M^r Speaker to putt his bond in Sute, And that this ord^r be sent to the upper house for their Concurrence/

(Vizt) 6 Hornes and wires,

17 Aprons 12 Linslocks

4 Ladles, 4 Wormes

fformes for Each Bore

Heights to Size the Sett for Each Gunn

Two Barrells of Powder wth: paper sufficient to make it up in Carteridges or Two Barrells of powder Ready made up in Carteridges, Wading for y^e Gunns Made of old Junk or Black moss/

Six pounds of Match To Every Gunn one spunge and one Rammer To Every Gunn one Bedd and one Coyne 12 HandSpikes/

The above ord^r of yesterdays Date is Assented to by the Upper House, December 5^o 1696/

Joseph Blake/

Ordrd— That m^r John Morton m^r Robert Stevens and Cap^t James Young doe upon y^e upper House and humbly Desire them to Joyne wth this House to Revive an Act Entituled an Act to Ascertaine Bublick officers ffees for Two years after the Ratification thereof And That The ffees Therein Specified may be Taken in the Currant Money—

The Above Committe Reports That if this House would Raise the ffees in The fformer Act, Proportionable To the Raise of Money They are Willing to Concur wth: this House, in The Reviveing the s^d act/

An Act for the Raiseing of a Publick Store of Powder for the defence of this ^{Pro}vince Read the Second Time and past—

M^r: Speaker by Consent of the Members adjourned The House Till 2 a Clock in The afternoone/

ffryday in The afternoone—

The House Mett According to Adjournment,

Ordered that an Act to Prevent Abuses by ffalse Weights & Measures and to Appoyn a Sworne Measurer be Ingrossed/ ord^r: that M^r Speaker Signe the ord^{rs}— Last night and this Morning relateing to the powder Receiver/

An Act for makeing and Mending high ways and paths And for Cutting of Creeks and Watter Courses Read The Third Time and past into a Law.

The Question is putt whether officers fees Shall be Raised proportionable to the raise of Money/ Caryed That fees shall not be Raised

Ordrd That An Act for the Raiseing of a Publick Store of Powder for the Defence of this ~~W~~vince, be Ingrossed/

An act to Revive an Act for the Better Settling and Regulateing of the Millitia Read the Third Time and past into a Law,

An Act for the Encouragement of the Better Settlement of South Carolina Read The Third Time and Past into a Law—

A Message from the uper House by Cap^t James Moore and John Beresford Esqr^s— That they had appoynted Three Members of their House to Meete any Number of the Commons this House Shall Appoynat at Seaven of the Clock to Morrow Morning To Conferr about Two ord^{rs} of this house sent to the upper House for their Concurrence Concerning the Powd^r Receiver &c/

Ordrd That Cap^t Georg Raynor Cap^t Job Hows William Smith Esqr— Ralph Izard Esqr— and m^r Robert Stevens be a Committe to Meete a Committe of the upper House to Morrow Morning to Confer upon the ord^{rs} aforesaid/

An Act To Continue the acts wthin mentioned Read the Third Time and Past into a Law,

The House Adjourned Till Eight of the Clock Tomorrow Morning—

Saturday in The Morning The 5th: of December 1696/

The House Mett According to adjournment—

The Committe Appoynted to Meete wth A Committe of the upper house to Confer upon the ord^{rs}— Afores^d relateing to the powder Receiver— Reports That, it was the Resolution of the Committe that all The Things in The s^d ord^r Are necessary for the Great Gunns (Except Tomkins)

Ordrd— That William Smith Esqr— m^r Jonathan Amory Cap^t Charles Basden and m^r Joseph Ellicott or any Two of them Do Every Month Take and Receive from m^r Richard Bellinger Powder Receiver an accoumpt of the powder or Money he shall Receive in Lieu thereof and allso of what he shall Lay out and Expend and the same accots— from Time to Time Examine State and Ballance, as they or any Two of them Shall see Cause and that this ord^r be sent to the uper House for their Concurrence, ordrd: That M^r Speaker signe The above ord^r/ The above ord^r is assented to by the upper House The day afores^d/

Ordrd That William Smith Esq^r m^r Jonathan Amory Capt^t Charles Basden and m^r Joseph Ellicott or any Three of them Doe Contract and agree for all and Every Thing mentioned in an ord^r of this House yesterday That is Thought necessary for the Great Gunns and after the same or any of them are bought. That they Require William Smith powd^r Receiver to pay for the same as they are Bought, and at the Expiration of An Act Entituled an Act for the Raiseing of a Publick store of Powder for the Defence of this Province The Com^{rs} aforesaid or any Three of Them Doe Issue their ord^r to the Publick Receiver, to pay the s^d William Smith Powder Receiver for all and Every of the said perticulars that he shall Deliver to the said Commission^{rs}— or any three of them at y^e Same Price they or any of them Cost at first Provided they be Good and not Spoyned, And That this ord^r be sent to the upper house for their Concurrence/ And That M^r Speaker signe the above ord^r/ The Above ord^r assented to by The upper house the 5th: of Decemb^r: 1696/

An Act for Settling of Pylotage Read The Third Time and past into a Law }

An Act for Building a ffortification at Charles Towne Read the Third Time and past into a Law/

An Act to Make Currant fforeigne Coyne and to Establish and settle The Wheight Thereof &c Read The Third Time and Caryed in the Negative/

An Act to Prevent abuses by ffalse weights and Measures and to Appoyn a Sworne Measurer Read the Third Time and past into a Law

The House Adjourned Till Three of the Clock in y^e after noone/

Saturday/ In The afternoone The House Mett according to adjournmt.

An Act for the Raiseing of a Publick Store of Powder for the Defence of this Province Read the Third Time and past into a Law Whereas by an Act of Assembly Entituled an Act for the poore, Ratified The 16th: day of March 1695/6 The Commission^{rs}: Appoyned in the said act for the poore, Haveing power not to Draw above Tenn pounds a yeare out of the hands of the Treasurer for the use of the poore Which Sume being not a Sufficent Releife, for the poore, It is Therefore ordrd that m^r— Jonathan Amory Publick Receiver do pay out of the, Publick money The Sume of Tenn

Pounds To the Commissioners— of the Poore,, for their ffurther Releife And That This ord^r be sent to the upper house for Their Concurrence, ordered that m^r Speaker signe y^e above ord^r/

The above ord^r Assented to by The upper house

Upon Heareing the Petition of Severall of the ffremr Inhabittants of this Province, It is ordered That the Consideration of the said Petition be Deferred Ti'll the next Session of Assembly/

Upon Reading the petitions of John Broad and John Challis objects of Charity/ The Consideration of the s^d Petitions are Refered to the Discretion of the Commissioners— of the poore/

Ordered That The Publick Receiver pay out of the publick Money To Thomas Rose Clerke of the Assembly for his Cost in pen Inke and paper and ffsonall Attendances for and upon the publick from y^e 16th: Day of March Last past to this Day The Sume of Tenn pounds and that this ord^r: be sent to the upper house for their Concurrence— And that m^r Speaker Signe The Same/

The Above ord^r Assented to by The upper house,

Decemb^r: 5th: 1696/

Ordered That The Publick Receiver pay out of the publick Money to ffrancis fidling messenger of the Assembly for his House Roome ffire Candle and ffsonall Attendance for and upon the publick from the 16th: day of march Last past, to this Day The Sume of ffive pounds And That this, ord^r be Sent to the upper House for their Concurrence And that m^r Speaker Signe the same/

The Above ord^r Assented to by the upper House/

Decemb^r— 5th: 1696/

Ordered That m^r Jonathan Amory Publick Receiver Doe pay unto William Smith Esqr— and Capt^t Charles Basden The sume of Tenn pounds Currant Money to Purchase from m^r William Popell of Charles Towne part of a Towne Lott, belonging to the said William Popell which is Palled in with St: Phillips Church yard And that y^e— said William Smith and Charles Basden doe take a Conveyance from the said Will Popell for the s^d— part of a Towne Lott, in the Name of the R^t— Hono^rble= Joseph Blake Governo^r— and his successors on Trust and for the use of the s^d Church for Ever and that this ord^r be sent to y^e upper House for their Concurrence, and That The Speaker Signe the above ord^r, The above ord^r Assented to by The upper House/

Decemb^r— the 5th: 1696/

Ordered That m^r: Speaker present the ffollowing acts to the Upper House for Their Ratification (vizt.)

- (1) An Act for makeing and of high ways and paths and for Cutting of Creeks and Watter Courses
- (2) An Act to Revive the Millitia act/
- (3) An Act for The Encouragement of the Better Settlement of South Carolina/
- (4) An Act to Continue the acts wthin Mentioned/
- (5) An Act for Building a ffortification at Charles Towne/
- (6) An Act for Settling of Pylotage—
- (7) An Act to Prevent abuses by false weights and measures and to Appoyn a sworne measurer/
- (8) An Act for the Raiseing of a Publick Store for y^e Defence of this Province/

The fforegoing acts were Ratified by The R^t Hono^{rble}: The Governo^r— and The Lords proprietors Deputyes the 5th: of December 1696/ (vitz) The R^t Hono^{rble} Joseph Blake Governo^r: Joseph Morton Stephen Bull James Moore, Thomas Cary William Hawett John Beresford— Esq^{rs}—

By Consent of the Members the Speaker adjourned The House Till Tuesday the 23^d of ffebruary Next

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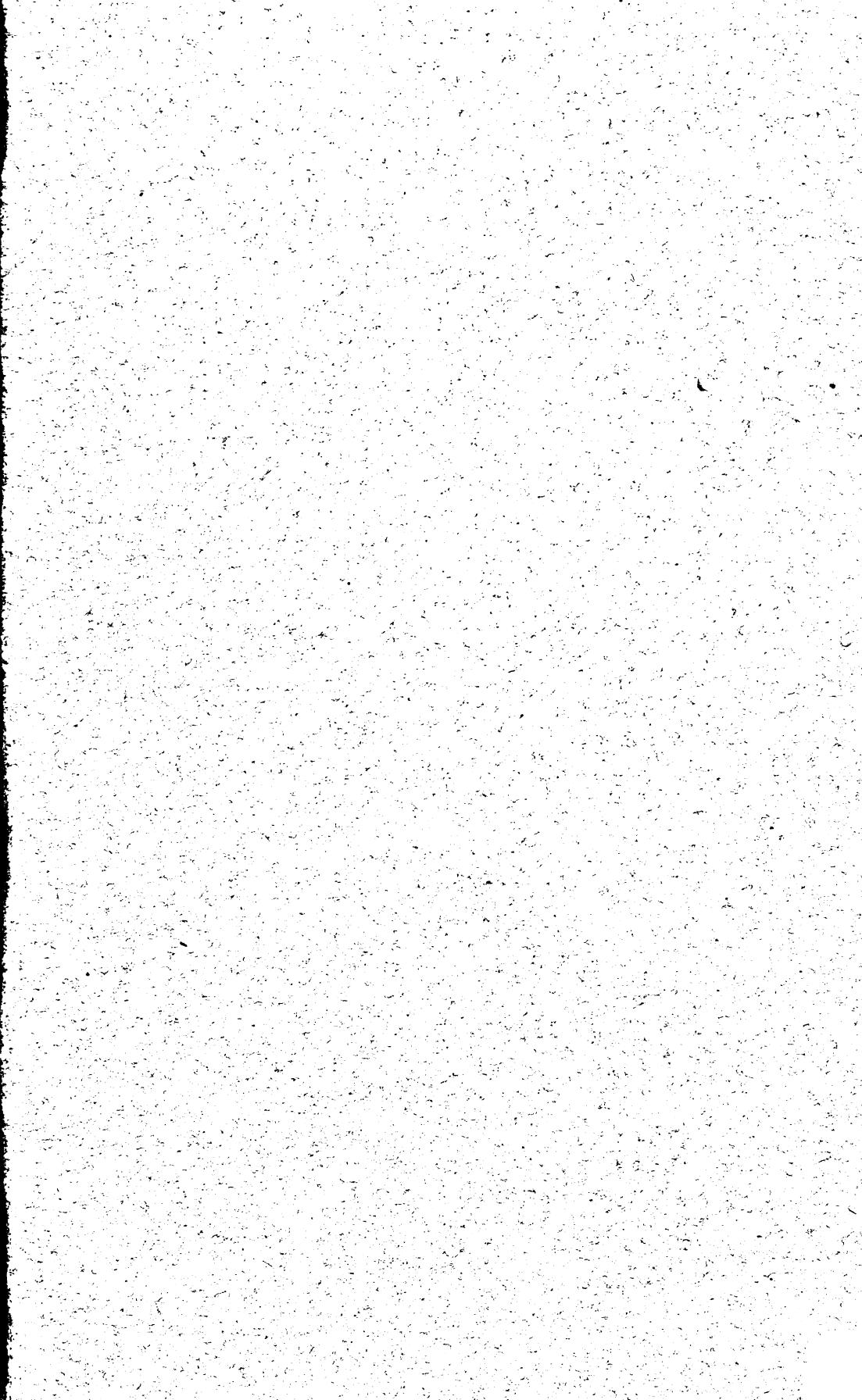
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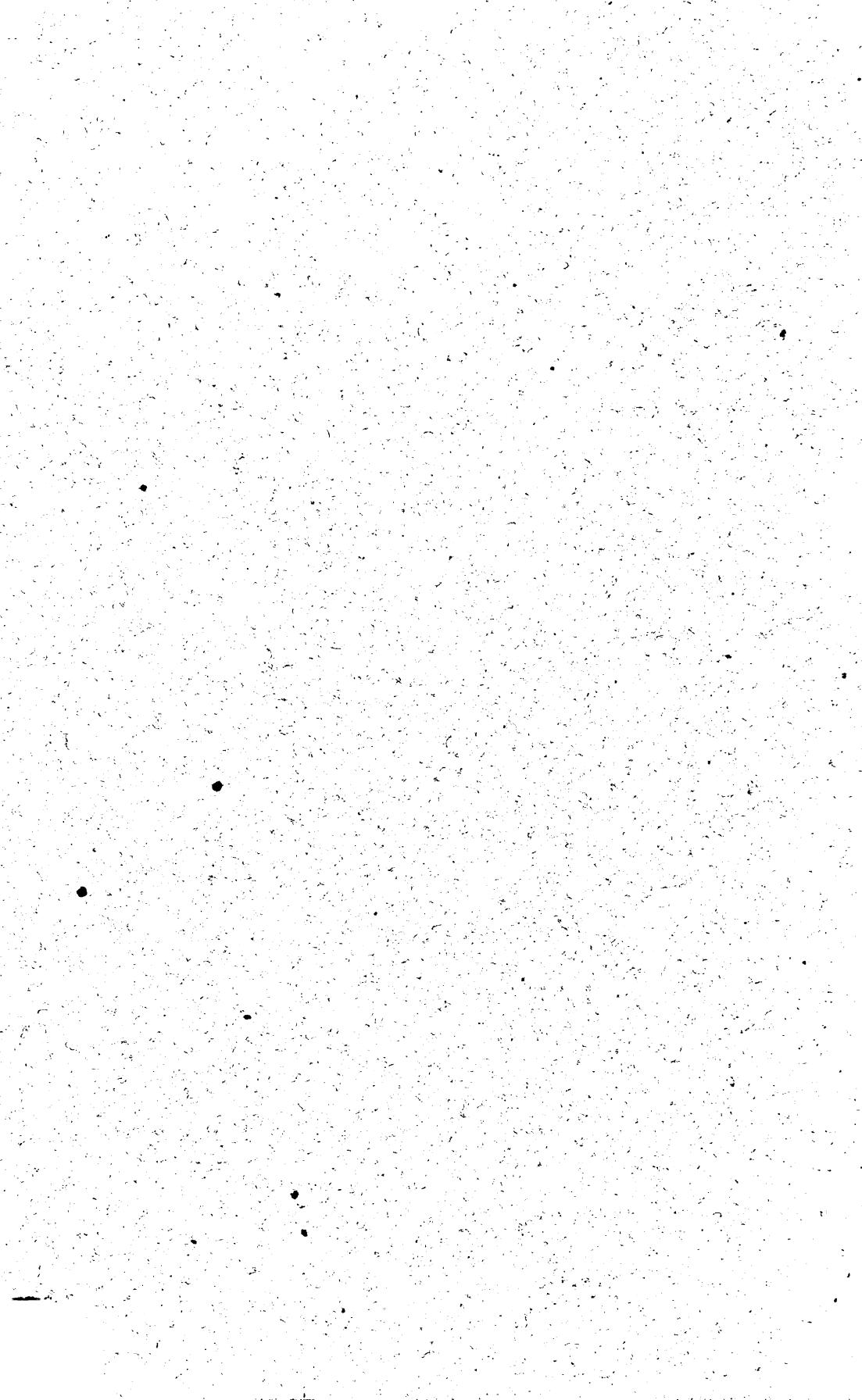
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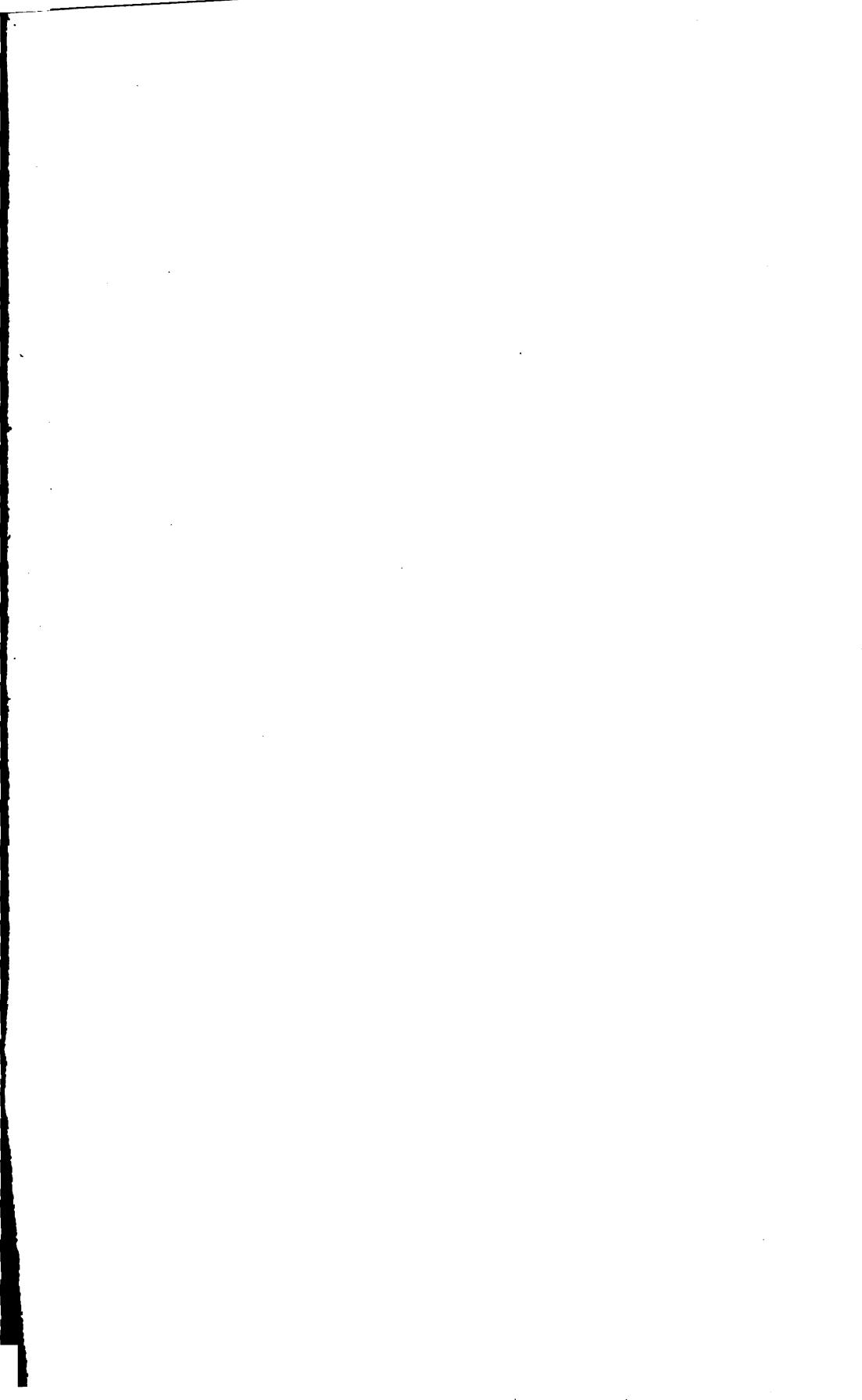
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